

Czech leadership overhauled

PRAGUE (AP) — The Communist leadership Tuesday announced top-level changes in the party and government, but made clear that it remains opposed to sweeping economic and political reform. A two-day central committee meeting that ended Tuesday nominated the new leadership, which would expand the ruling politburo from 12 to 15 members. Jan Fojtik, the party's chief ideologist, told a news conference the nominations would have to be approved by the federal assembly, or parliament, which meets in November. Parliamentary endorsement of the government changes was a foregone conclusion. Ladislav Adamec, 62, the premier of the Czech republic, was nominated new federal premier. Fojtik said. He would take over from Bohumir Strougal, who stepped down Monday and also vacated his seat in the party's praesidium, or ruling politburo. Jaromir Jahnec, first deputy foreign minister since July 1987 and a former ambassador to Canada and the United States, was nominated as new foreign minister, replacing Bohuslav Chroupek, said Fojtik. Interior Minister Václav Vajnar, 58, was to be replaced by Frantisek Kinel, according to Fojtik.

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Cabinet endorses laws

AMMAN (Petra) — The Cabinet Tuesday announced an amendment to the law of municipal court granting it further powers to deal with violations by street vendors and areas considered a source of threat to public health. The Cabinet, which was presided over by Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, endorsed a supply law which, it said, would help the Ministry of Supply adopt measures to ensure basic food supplies at reasonable prices, guarantee sufficient food resources and participate in food production projects. The Cabinet also endorsed an agreement with the Saudi Fund for Development for a 40 million Saudi riyal loan, to help finance the construction of a coastal road linking Wadi Al Ytem with Aqaba, in southern Jordan. The Cabinet endorsed a draft law for the Jordan Investment Corporation which would take charge of measures to encourage national exports and investment in the Kingdom. Furthermore, the Cabinet endorsed a new educational law replacing one enacted in

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AROUND THE WORLD...

Polls show Bush, Dukakis in dead heat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Four weeks before the U.S. presidential election, the race between George Bush and Michael Dukakis is the Los Angeles Times drew one definite conclusion: Bush's running mate Dan Quayle is having a distinctly deleterious effect on the ticket's prospect for victory. The poll, issued Monday, showed the Bush-Quayle ticket leading Dukakis and Lloyd Bentsen 44-41. When asked to treat Bush and Dukakis as if they were running alone, the respondents picked Bush over Dukakis 48 per cent to 39 per cent. The survey's margin of error of five percentage points means that no definitive determination can be made as to which ticket is more popular. In an ABC News-Washington Post poll, Bush had 50 per cent to 47 per cent for Dukakis. That survey also had a five-point margin of error.

'Alternative Nobel prize' awarded

STOCKHOLM (R) — Brazilian and Malaysian environmentalists and a British housing expert were Tuesday named as winners of the Right Livelihood Award, dubbed the "alternative Nobel prize." The ecology-oriented Right Livelihood Society, based on Britain's Isle of Man but with a staff in Stockholm, has awarded the prize each year since 1980 "for practical and exemplary solutions to real problems of today." Sahabat Alam, Malaysian branch of the environmentalist group Friends of the Earth, receives the award for its struggle to save tropical forests in Sarawak. It shares the \$100,000 prize with Brazilian Jose Latzenberger and Briton John Turner.

Indian opposition forges new unity

NEW DELHI (AP) — Four opposition parties merged Tuesday as the Janata Dal (People's Party) and chose a former colleague turned bitter adversary of Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi as its leader, news reports said. The new party comprises the Janata, Lok Dal, Jan Morcha and the Socialist Congress parties. V.P. Singh, who once served as finance and defence minister in Gandhi's cabinet, was unanimously chosen to head the new party.

Gunmen kill senior Gandhi party leader

NEW DELHI (R) — Suspected Sikh separatists shot dead a senior leader of the ruling Congress (I) party in north India's Punjab state Tuesday, police said. Three gunmen killed Bhagwan Dass, Congress vice-president in Punjab, as he sat in a grain shop he owned in the small town of Jaito.

Six injured in bomb blasts in Colombo

COLOMBO (AP) — Three bombs exploded in the capital and injured at least six people Tuesday, a day after five people died during a nationwide strike protesting the government's peace overtures to Tamil rebels. Authorities believe the bombs were planted by the People's Liberation Front, a radical Sinhalese group that called Monday's strike, said A.S. Seneviratne, deputy inspector-general of police. Two bombs exploded in the business centre of Colombo, while a third went off near a supermarket in a suburb of the city, he said.

Yerevan, Baku reopened to foreigners

MOSCOW (R) — Yerevan and Baku, capitals of the troubled Soviet Transcaucasian republics of Armenia and Azerbaijan, are again open to visits by foreigners, Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennadi Gerasimov said Tuesday. The two cities have been largely closed to non-Soviet visitors since late February when a dispute over the mainly Armenian-populated Nagorno-Karabakh region of Azerbaijan led to huge demonstrations.

Petition by Gandhi assassin dismissed

NEW DELHI (AP) — The supreme court Tuesday dismissed an appeal by a Sikh sentenced to death for his part in the 1984 assassination of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. A panel of three judges said it found "no merit to entertain the petition" of Kehar Singh, one of the two Sikhs sentenced to death by hanging for Indira Gandhi's murder. The court also dismissed a petition by Pratap Singh, a Sikh doctor, who said the conviction was deceitful because no autopsy was performed on Gandhi's body.

Fadallah links hostages to U.S. election

BEIRUT (R) — A senior pro-Iranian cleric said Tuesday 10 Americans believed held hostage in Lebanon were unlikely to be freed before the U.S. presidential election next month. "My impression is that such issues are not far away from the atmosphere of the U.S. elections but could be delayed until after the polls due to the shadowy complexities of behind-the-scenes talks between states," said Sheikh Mohammad Hussein Fadallah, spiritual mentor of the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), in an interview with the Visions television news agency.

Ethiopian rebels reject autonomy talks

ABU DHABI (R) — Guerrillas fighting the Ethiopian government said Tuesday they would not attend peace talks unless they went beyond discussion of autonomy for the northern province of Eritrea. Ahmad Al Haj Ali, representative of the Eritrean People's Liberation Front (EPLF) in Abu Dhabi, was commenting on an Ethiopian offer of talks to end the 20-year-old guerrilla war.

Syrian, Ethiopian leaders discuss Afro-Arab ties

DAMASCUS (R) — The leaders of Syria and Ethiopia held talks in Damascus Tuesday on ways of promoting Afro-Arab cooperation, Syrian officials said. They said Syrian President Hafez Al Assad also briefed Ethiopian President Mengistu Haile Mariam on developments in the Middle East. Assad blamed the political crisis in Lebanon on Israeli attempts to partition the country, the officials said. They said he praised Mengistu for his efforts to improve Afro-Arab relations and urged him for his struggle against "racism and imperialism."

Paris backs Moscow on conference

PARIS (R) — France has accepted a Soviet proposal to hold a European human rights conference in Moscow in 1991, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said Tuesday. The French position, announced on the second day of a visit by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, is at odds with Western hardliners, including Britain and Canada, which are wary of the gathering as a potential "propaganda" coup for the Kremlin. "France will not place any obstacles in the way of this conference," the spokesman said. "We will join the consensus on this issue."

10 more killed in Burma

RANGOON (AP) — Burmese troops killed 10 people in the capital and a central Burmese town, state radio said Tuesday, raising to about 450 the official death toll in three weeks of military rule. Radio Rangoon also said two more political parties had registered, bringing to 12 the number of parties formed since military commander Saw Maung seized power in a Sept. 18 coup. Saw Maung has promised to hold a general election soon, but has not set a date (Army consolidates power, page 8).

Reform pledge becalms Algeria

ALGIERS (Agencies) — Except for an occasional gunshot in the capital, Algeria was reported quiet Tuesday as the country pondered President Chadli Benjedid's pledge of political reform following a week of anti-government riots.

While some Algerians greeted the president's promises with scepticism — in part because he did not specify the reforms — many expressed relief he had acted to end the violence. Benjedid deplored the loss of life in the rioting although the government has given no exact casualty figure. Unofficial estimates put the death toll in clashes with security forces at nearly 200, mostly youths under 25.

"We have to wait and see. We have to give him some time before deciding what to do," a young Algerian said when asked to assess the president's Monday night speech to the nation. The national news agency APS reported crowds Tuesday demonstrated across the country in support of the president. "Long live Chadli," the crowds chanted, according to APS, which said support marches were held in at least a dozen centres, including Annaba and Oran.

In the eastern city of Guelma it said some 12,000 people sang patriotic songs and carried portraits of the president and "Yes to Chadli" banners in an expression of support for his leadership. A few shots rang out Tuesday but residents reported no confrontations between security forces and demonstrators.

Newspapers, radio and television also carried numerous reports of messages of support for the president coming in from outlying districts. Meanwhile, however, the army and its tanks remained lined up in the most affected districts, including Bab Al Oued, Belcourt and Rouisseau, and its helicopter gunships continued to circle overhead.

Fahd regrets Iranian absence at OIC talks

JEDDAH (R) — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd opened a conference of Islamic information ministers Tuesday with a speech regretting Iran's absence.

Addressing the meeting of the ministers of the 40-member Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), Fahd said: "I am sorry, I would have wished the Iranian delegation to be with us."

"This is not a Saudi conference but an Islamic conference and Iran is an Islamic nation. I would have loved to see my Iranian brothers here today."

Saudi Arabia cut diplomatic ties with Iran April 26, citing Tehran's hostile attitude. "There was an official invitation to Iran," said a spokesman for the information conference, the first organised by Islamic countries. "They didn't reply."

The Iranian flag flew with those of other member states at the conference and in a committee room a place was set for Iran between Uganda and Pakistan. Delegates to the conference said in speeches that Muslim countries should use the media to put across their points of view.

Saudi Information Minister Ali Hassan Al Shaer told the opening session Muslims were fighting injustice, oppression and occupation. "The main aim of the conference is to reach out to the world media," he said. Muslim countries wanted to erase the mistaken impression of Islam in the non-Muslim world, he added.

Blast memories surge at Tory convention

BRIGHTON (AP) — The Conservative Party opened its convention Tuesday, shadowed by massive security and memories of an Irish Republican Army (IRA) attempt to blow up Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the same town four years ago.

The four-day annual convention began on a sour note as delegates booed the socialist mayor of Brighton for implying in her welcoming speech that the Tories' free-market doctrines were making Britons greedy and uncaring.

The convention was back in Brighton for the first time since 1984, when an IRA bomb planted in Thatcher's hotel killed five people and narrowly missed the prime minister.

Before joining the convention, Thatcher attended a private memorial service at the nearby church of St. Paul's for the bombing victims and unveiled a memorial plaque inscribed in 10th-century script, "they paid the price of freedom."

Former party chairman John Selwyn Gummer explained that the ancient script was chosen because it predated England's troubles with Ireland, which date back to the 11th century.

Memories of the bombing surged back afresh when another former party chairman, Norman Tebbit, arrived on the conference floor pushing a wheelchair carrying his wife Margaret, who was paralysed for life in the explosion.

Delegates stood and cheered the couple as the wheelchair was hoisted onto the podium. More than 1,500 police officers were drafted into the normally staid resort town on the south England coast in the biggest security operation ever mounted for a British political conference.

Civil overflights were banned, a royal navy destroyer patrolled the shore and delegates were forced to line up early outside the conference hall and endure rigorous security checks.

The streets of the capital, now mostly cleared of rubble from the fighting, were jammed with traffic and most businesses were open as usual.

Benjedid pledged a comprehensive programme of political reform to complement austerity measures believed to have been the main cause of the riots which erupted Oct. 4.

"We will respect the will of the Algerian people in their desire for political changes in their widest meaning," Benjedid told the country.

"My personal belief is that through these reforms we will be able to deal with many of our economic and political problems," he added, pledging a purge of those who had abused their power.

But he said there could be no change for the better without a return to normality.

Young men in long robes were debating the speech in the densely-populated Bab Al Oued amid rumours they were planning an anti-government demonstration Friday, when attendance at the mosque is heaviest.

Benjedid did not address himself to Muslim fundamentalists but the government has referred to "invisible hands" exploiting the current unrest.

Speaking in a fatherly tone to Algerian youths who make up nearly 60 per cent of the population of 25 million, the president cautioned them to beware "of sly elements who are trying to exploit you."

All the proposed reforms were part of a comprehensive programme which will be presented to the Algerian people for debate, he added.

Diplomatic and family sources said Sid Ali Benmechiche, a senior editor at APS, was shot down by a burst of machinegun fire as he was covering the disturbances in the Bab Al Oued district Monday night. He was buried quietly Tuesday in the presence of several foreign reporters.

Also Tuesday, a Palestinian labourer from the Gaza Strip was killed by an Israeli when a fistfight erupted at a construction site in Lod, Israel Radio and police said.

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King receives Bahraini royal family member

His Majesty King Hussein Tuesday received Sheikh Salman bin Hamad Al Khalifa, son of the crown prince of Bahrain, who conveyed to the King greetings and best wishes from his father. The audience (photo above) was attended by the Bahraini ambassador to Jordan, Jordan's Amb-

sador-designate to Oman Samir Al Hmoud took the oath of office before the King. The ceremony was attended by Royal Court Chief Marwan Al Qasem, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh and Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri.

Economic study of Al Wihdah seen as thorough, satisfactory

By Salameh B. Ne'matt
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AMMAN — International agencies attending a meeting here to discuss the financing of the Al Wihdah dam project said Tuesday an economic analysis of the \$440 million project was thorough and satisfactory.

World Bank's Robert Zabour-

ki, who attended a discussion of the project's economic feasibility, told the Jordan Times he found the analysis "well-prepared" and that documentation was "impressive."

He said a technical discussion of the project with fellow finance agencies revealed "good elements" that would be further discussed by each international finance agency on its own.

Water and Irrigation Minister Ahmad Dakkhan urged financiers Monday to assist in establishing a breakdown of the project into suitable packages for contract administration and financing purposes.

Kuwaiti Fund's Abdul Karim Sadik said he came out with a good impression of the discussion.

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Troops snatch body of slain Palestinian boy

BEIRUT (R) — Israeli troops Tuesday snatched the body of a Palestinian teenager, shot dead earlier by soldiers, after his funeral procession in this West Bank town turned into a stone-throwing protest.

Dozens of Palestinians, some in masks, then enforced a wildcat strike in the city, demanding that shopkeepers close and cars stay off the roads.

The enraged protesters hurled firebombs at soldiers, and troops opened fire to disperse the crowd. At least five Palestinians were arrested, the army said.

A military spokesman said one Palestinian was wounded.

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gan after an 18-year-old resident of the nearby Dheishe refugee camp died early Tuesday after being shot in the head with a plastic bullet during a Sept. 28 clash with troops. Dheishe residents said. The teenager was identified as Nazem Abu Juda.

News of Abu Juda's death spread quickly in the camp after Palestinians keeping a watch outside the boy's room at Jerusalem's Mukassad hospital took

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Gulf talks to resume in Geneva

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar returns Geneva later this month to mediate peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

The secretary general said Monday he had mixed feelings about the pace of the negotiations.

"I am satisfied in the sense that the meetings are useful, but not in the sense that we are moving too slowly. The parties are presenting their positions, and that takes time," he said.

Perez de Cuellar spoke to reporters after briefing the Security Council on his meetings in New York over the last 10 days with Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Iraq's Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz.

The secretary general said the date for the resumption of the peace talks has not yet been fixed, but would be announced soon. He indicated it would be the last week of October.

An Iraqi newspaper reported Tuesday that there had been no progress in the talks since they started over six weeks ago.

Angola hits S. African, U.S. demands

LUSAKA (Agencies) — A senior Angolan diplomat, reacting to U.S. reports of a breakthrough in complex peace negotiations, said Tuesday Washington and Pretoria were making unnecessary demands about the pace of a Cuban troop withdrawal from Angola.

U.S. officials said in Washington Monday that South Africa, Angola and Cuba had agreed in recent informal talks in New York that Cuban troops should be withdrawn from Angola in 24 to 30 months.

They hailed this as a significant advance in U.S.-mediated negotiations on Angola and Namibia. Luis Neto Kiambata, Angola's ambassador to Zambia, told Reuters it was likely the Cubans would withdraw in a period between 24 and 30 months.

But he said Angola opposed U.S. and South African demands that the bulk of the Cubans should pull out in the first year — the so-called "frontloading" of the withdrawal schedule.

"They are making demands that are unnecessary," Kiambata said.

"The U.S. and South Africa don't trust Angola," he added. Kiambata's comments contrasted with optimism shown by the American officials and suggested the parties in the negotiations, while they were close to an agreement, still had to iron out differences.

Earlier at the United Nations, Cuban Deputy Foreign Minister Ricardo Alarcon de Quesada had told reporters that the talks were at a stalemate.

He was quoted by the British Broadcasting Corporation as saying the opposing positions were still distant.

In Zurich, Switzerland, South African President Pieter W. Botha said Tuesday that no timetable had been reached on Cuban withdrawal from Angola.

Botha told reporters that news reports of an agreement were inaccurate, although rough agreement had been reached on a pullout.

"The principle has been accepted, but the timetable needs to be worked out," said Botha, who was in Switzerland on a private visit.

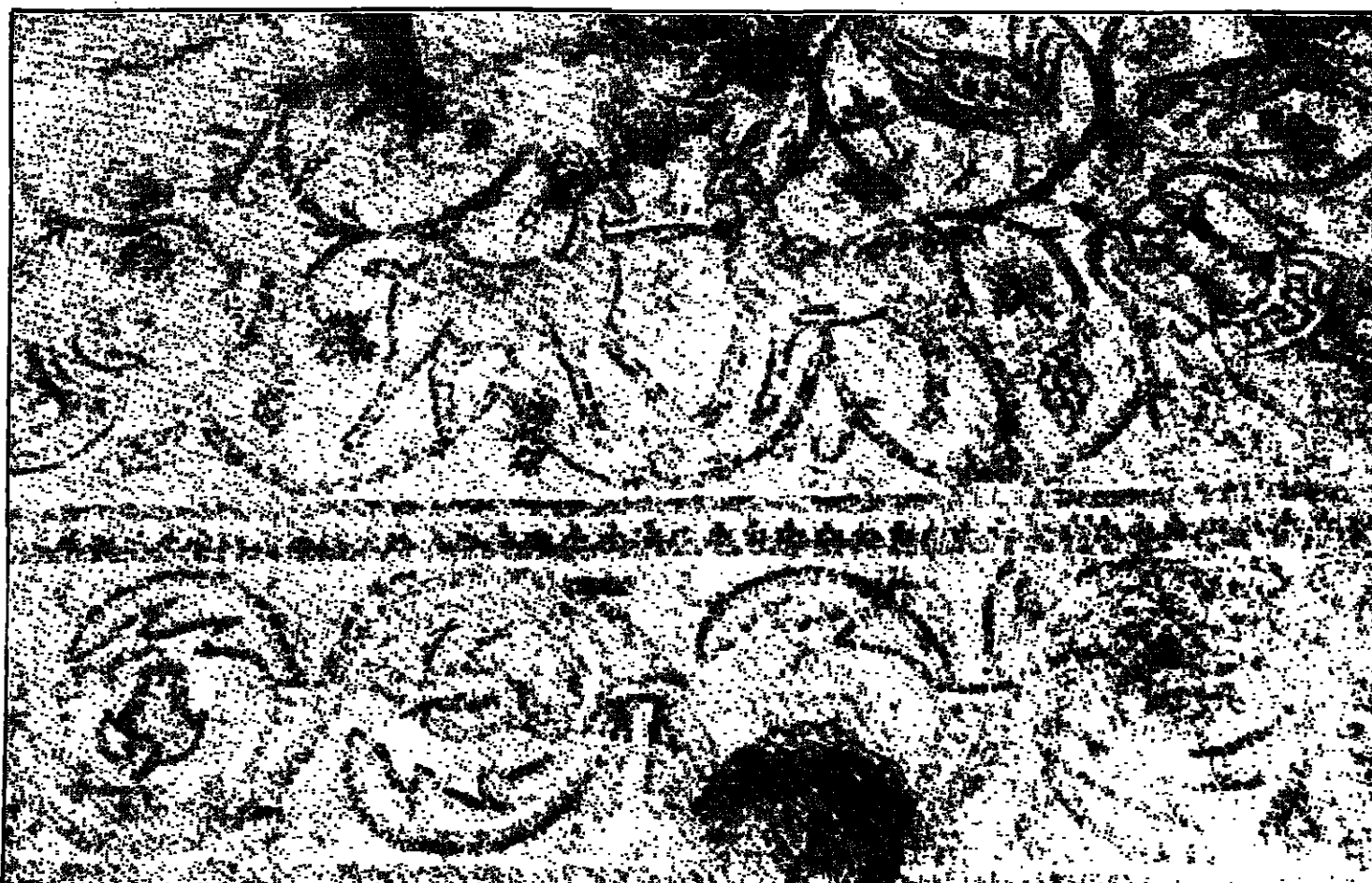
Botha warned that the Nov. 1 date which South Africa has proposed for implementing the U.N.'s independence plan for Namibia may pass without real action on the plan.

The African National Congress (ANC) appealed Tuesday to black African leaders to "slam their doors" on South Africa's current campaign to expand its role on the continent.

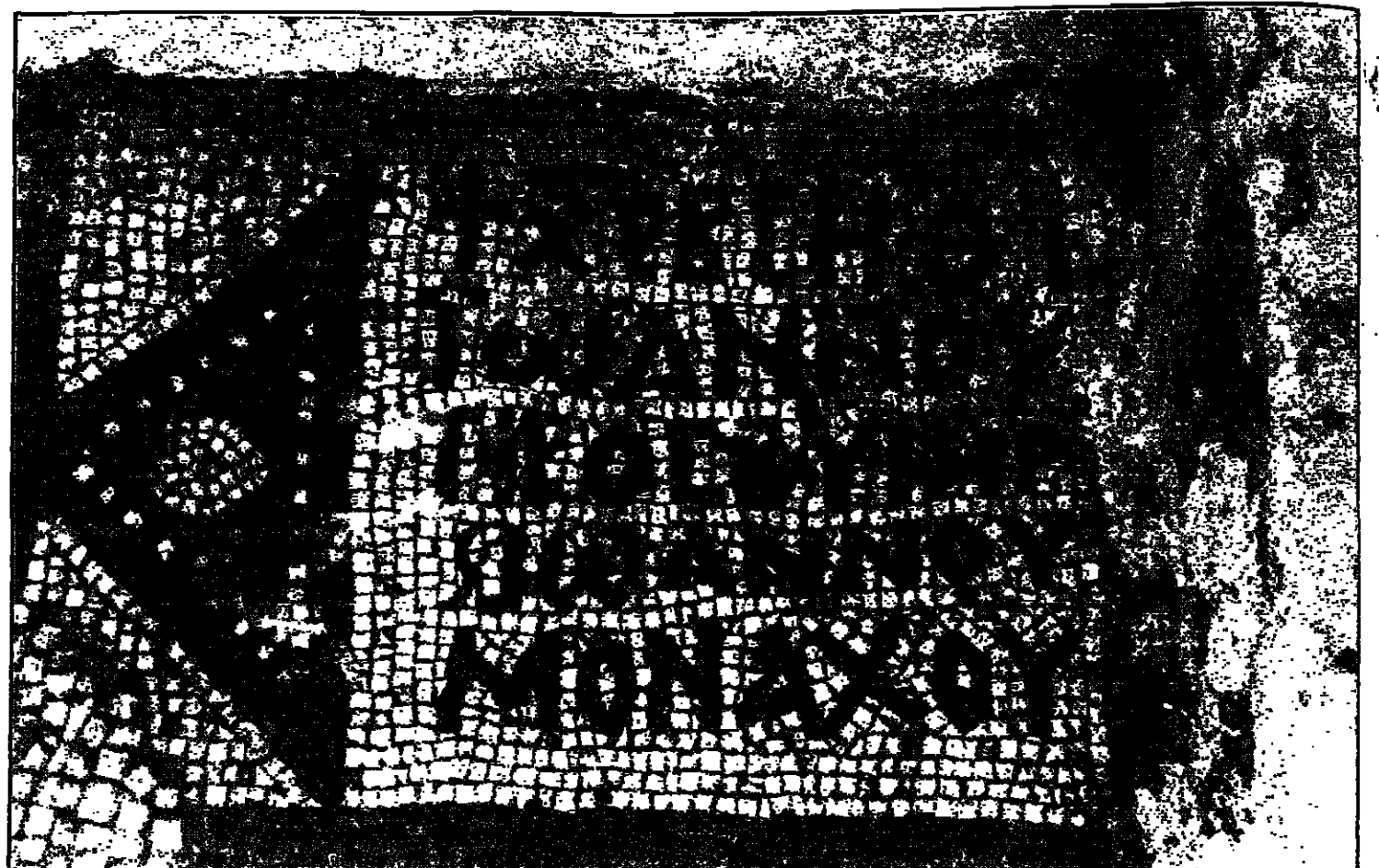
The ANC Executive Committee, in a statement issued in Zambia, said: "Now is not the time to open up to the Pretoria regime."

"Those who do so, whatever their intentions might be, are postponing the day when Botha will be forced to speak to the real leaders of our people."

The statement responded to a major diplomatic offensive launched by Botha a month ago. In a three-week span, he travelled to Mozambique, Malawi and Zaire for his first summit meeting in black Africa since taking power 10 years ago.



The mosaic floor of the chapel uncovered at Khirbet Al Kursi...



...and part of the inscription found on the floor

Khirbet Al Kursi—breaking new grounds at a treasure trove

By Najwa Najjar
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Not far from the University of Jordan lies one of the oldest archaeological sites in the Kingdom slowly unveiling interesting artefacts from the colourful history of Jordan through the diligent work of the university's archaeological students over the past four summer sessions.

Every morning at 6 a.m., the students, a foreman, a surveyor and Dr. Abdul Jaleel Amr, director of the dig and head of the Archaeological Department at the university, are at Khirbet Al Kursi. For the next five hours (seven hours on Thursdays) the students receive valuable training

in archaeological excavation. The site, which has been dated back to the Iron Age, 10th century B.C., was chosen because "of the huge amount of pottery scattered in the area," Amr said. "It appeared to me on first sight that its architecture resembles that found during the Ammonite (10th century B.C.) period."

Khirbet Al Kursi, registered as Hannutia at the Department of Antiquities of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage, and translated as the village of Al Kursi, is the local name for the site. The ancient name of the village, which covers more than four acres, is still unknown. Amr said.

However, over the past years

the students have uncovered a substantial amount of history by working on a one-square-kilometre area on the highest part of the village. Although most of the emerging history is yet to be verified, Amr asserts that what has been uncovered has shown a slice of what life may have been like centuries ago.

Studying the pottery pieces and fragments and coins found at the site, the group has concluded that the site was inhabited from the second period of the Iron Age (7th century B.C.), through the Hellenistic, Roman, Byzantine, Umayyad, Ayyubid and Mamluk periods "without any cultural interruption," Amr said.

What has been uncovered to

date includes two grape presses, an Umayyad mosque, a chapel, a storage room and a grave. The group assumes that the chapel, storage room, grave and one of the grape presses were part of a monastery during the Byzantine period.

The chapel was discovered in the summer of 1987. The coloured mosaic which covers the floor is characteristic of the Byzantine period. The mosaic of birds, fruit, gazelles, peacocks and hunters, includes a Greek inscription.

Reconstructing history

Although the inscription was partly destroyed, the group was able to reconstruct the missing letters. Amr told the Jordan Times that the inscription was a plea to God, asking the Holy Trinity to help their servant, the bishop of the church and his wife.

Through the use of palaeography, the group ascribed the inscription to the end of the sixth and early seventh century A.D.

According to Amr, the Umayyad occupation of the region did not affect the standing of the Christian sites. "The Umayyads did not destroy anything in the chapel nor the inscription," he said, adding that they tried to reconstruct the inscription with the use of plain, instead of coloured mosaics.

However, he notes that the chapel was divided by a wall during the Umayyad period.

"Probably, the Wall was put for dwelling purposes," he said. Usually chapels were converted into mosques, but this particular one was a mosque available for

the community," according to Amr.

The conclusions depended on the mix of Umayyad and Byzantine pottery found and the use of plain mosaics in comparison to coloured mosaics. Only one part of the divided chapel has been uncovered.

"As we dug in the area close to the chapel, we discovered foundations of rooms dated to the Byzantine period. Relying on well-known Byzantine pottery lamps. The foundations of these rooms have been thought to be storage rooms," Amr said.

A circular building with a mosaic floor has also been uncovered nearby. "We think it is a grave," Amr said.

Existence of a monastery

In addition, one of the grape presses consists of seven troughs used for pressing grapes. According to Amr this press was used as a winery in the late Byzantine period and was converted for other purposes during the Umayyad period. An oven, led the group to believe that the press was used during the latter period to make "debs" (carob). This grape press is one of the largest to be discovered in Bilad Al Sham, said Amr.

The finds of the chapel, storage rooms, grave and winery indicate that the site may have been a monastery at one point in history. "If this conclusion is correct, then we can correctly assume that the site was isolated from urban sites during the Byzantine period, as most monasteries are usually far from dwelling places," he said.

However, even during the Umayyad period, the groups findings has shown that the settlement probably did not hold more than 500 individuals. "The mosque we uncovered and dated to the Umayyad period has led us to conclude that the community living during that period was probably not a large community."

The original room of the mosque is estimated to accommodate a maximum of 75 people praying. "We assume that during the Umayyad period everyone was a practising Muslim. If there was an average of six to seven individuals in each family, then we believe that there were around 500 individuals in the village," said Amr.

Definite clues

Of the three rooms of the mosque, only one has been dug. This room is considered to be the original room of the mosque since it's "mihrab" is correctly placed towards Mecca. The other two rooms are thought to be annexes to the original room and built during the Mamluk period.

The floor of the original room is made of mosaic. However, an earthquake during that period is thought to have damaged the floor and the ceiling. The periods that followed — the Ayyubid and Mamluk — were not familiar with mosaic. The inhabitants during that period used plaster in an attempt to reconstruct the floor.

A second grape press has been dated to the Ayyubid and Mamluk period. The excavators have uncovered silver and copper coins which carried the names of the Ayyubid sultans, among them malek Al Adel, the brother of Saladin.

Work at Khirbet Al Kursi has been done in cooperation with the Department of Antiquities, of the Ministry of Culture and National Heritage. Training the students on the dig is presently funded by the University of Jordan. However, Amr noted, "We do not have the necessary finances to concentrate more on the dig and to preserve the architecture and finds uncovered."



A grape press — a Byzantine-period winery — at Khirbet Al Kursi



The student excavators and the supervisor of the class of 1988

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MUSEUMS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. Closed on Friday.
Fakhre Museum: Jewellery and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 651760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.) Closed Tuesdays.
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, ceramics, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Muzah, Jabal Luweidh. Opening hours: 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 631128.
Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 6642

NATIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

KING CONGRATULATES SPAIN: His Majesty King Hussein has sent a cable of good wishes to King Juan Carlos of Spain on his country's National Day wishing the Spanish monarch continued health and happiness and the Spanish people further progress and prosperity (Petra).

POLICE GRADUATES: A group of Jordanian police officers and two from the United Arab Emirates graduated here Tuesday after completing a training course on maintaining order in urban regions. The ceremony was attended by Colonel Mohammad Bassout commander of the Police Academy who distributed diplomas to the graduates and awards to those excelling in their courses (Petra).

WORLD WALKER: A Jordanian round the world traveller Khamis Abul Dahab met in Irbid Tuesday with Irbid Governor Akram Al Naser to brief him on his trip. Abul Dahab has just completed a tour of Jordan on foot and is preparing to embark on his world tour (Petra).

MAJALI RECEIVES ENVOY: Public Security Department Director General Abdul Hadi Al Majali received in his office Tuesday Italian Ambassador to Jordan Luigi Amaduzzi who made the courtesy call to mark the end of his tour of duty in Jordan (Petra).

COOPERATION WITH TUNISIA: Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Youssef Hamdan Al Jaber Tuesday discussed in Tunis with the Tunisian Ministry of Interior Under Secretary Omar Al Biwaji scopes of bilateral cooperation and means of enhancing them (Petra).

JORDANIAN EXPORTS: A special committee in charge of supporting Jordanian exports Tuesday discussed at a meeting means of promoting Jordanian exports and finding export outlets in countries signing commercial exchange agreements with Jordan. The committee groups representatives of the Ministries of Industry and Trade, Planning, Energy and Mineral Resources, Central Bank of Jordan, Customs Department, Jordanian Contractors Association, insurance companies, Amman Chamber of Industry and the Jordanian Businessmen Society (Petra).

ARAB MINISTERS MEET: Minister of Social Development Fawwaz Touqan Tuesday chaired the opening session of the Council of Arab Social Affairs Ministers' Executive Bureau in Tunis. The bureau will discuss issues pertaining to the Arab Fund for Social Work, the technical aid provided by the Arab League to the member states and cooperation with Arab and international organisations concerned with social work (Petra).

Queen Noor attends fund-raising dinner to help West Bank disabled

AMMAN (J.T.) — Her Majesty Queen Noor was patron Tuesday at a fund raising dinner in London hosted by the charity society Action Around Bethlehem Children with Disability — the ABCD — to support medical and paramedical services to the disabled in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

ABCD is a voluntary society established in January 1987 to provide better quality services to the disabled in the West Bank.

The society works with specialised Arab societies in the occupied territories, such as the Bethlehem Arab Society for the treatment of the physically handicapped.

A new rehabilitation centre is under construction at Beit Jala to provide diagnostic and assessment facilities, short-term rehabilitation, vocational training, and artificial limb and equipment fitting services.

The society also promotes community and village-based home services and rehabilitation programmes administered by locally-trained community workers.

The funds raised at the dinner at the Grosvenor House Hotel will support a thirty-month physiotherapy training programme for twenty students from the Bethlehem Arab Society, under the aegis of Bethlehem University.

Upon arrival at Grosvenor House, Her Majesty was received by Lord and Lady Westbury, the Ambassador of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in London and Mrs. Albert Butros, and the Chairman and members of the ABCD's Board of Trustees. The dinner was also attended by Arab Ambassadors in London and major supporters of ABCD.



PSD chief visits Amman Governorate

Public Security Director Gen. Abdul Hadi Al Majali Tuesday called at the Amman Governorate where he was briefed by Governor Mohammad Ali Al Amin on the governorate's duties and the progress being made at the development projects. Majali toured the various sections of the governorate and inspected work at the security cases and public complaints department and the operation room. Majali was accompanied on the tour by Amman Police Department Director Lt.-Gen. Youssef Gharabeh. The picture shows Majali being briefed by the Amman governor (Petra photo).

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Ministers endorse Jordan's proposal for environmental studies centre

TUNIS (Petra) — An Arab ministerial meeting, which discussed questions related to the protection of the environment, has endorsed Jordan's proposal for establishing a regional centre on environmental studies and information to be headquartered in Jordan.

The meeting, which was concluded here Monday evening, requested the Jordanian delegation to submit a detailed study on the project to be approved by ministers in charge of the environment in the Arab World.

The request for the centre had been made by the Jordanian delegation, which was led by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Youssef Hamdan Al Jaber.

According to a final statement, the ministers endorsed a programme for combating desertification and increasing areas of land covered with vegetation. They also approved a plan to fight industrial pollution and a programme to spread awareness on the protection of the environment.

The statement voiced the ministers' call on all Arab countries to step up their cooperation with regional and international organisations in their efforts to deal with pollution, and to train sufficient staff to help protect arable land from the desert.

In addition, the ministers approved of a pan-Arab declaration on the environment and development which calls for the implementation of three programmes dealing with desertification, industrial pollution and environmental information.

JIEC begins 2nd stage of Sahab Industrial City

AMMAN (Petra) — The Jordanian Industrial Estates Corporation (JIEC) has embarked on the second stage of the Sahab Industrial City near Amman, a project expected to be completed early next year, according to JIEC Director General Faysel Suheimat.

Suheimat said the first phase of the project, which was completed in 1984, entailed the development of 780 dunums of land for industrial projects, factories and other businesses, complete with essential services and a vocational training centre.

To date a total of 114 light and medium industries have been established in the industrial city including factories manufacturing furniture, kitchens, construction material, leather, plastic products, food supplies, pharmaceuticals and engineering products.

Suheimat said of these industries 13 are non-Jordanian and 90 have already embarked on production processes.

He said the different businesses initiated in the Sahab Industrial City created 250 jobs employing

90 per cent Jordanian workers. Suheimat estimated the total investments in the city at JD 100 million.

According to Suheimat, the success of the first stage encouraged the corporation to initiate work on the second stage and to embark on setting up an industrial zone in Irbid, which is being established on a 410 dunums near the Jordan University of Science and Technology.

The location enables the university students to get practical training at the industrial zone's various projects, Suheimat added.

He said once these projects have been carried out the corporation plans to establish yet another one in Aqaba and a similar one in Salt.

Suheimat said the JIEC provides the infrastructure for various projects at the industrial cities such as water, electricity and roads, as well as car parks and health centres to encourage industrialists to embark on their projects.

In addition, he said, industrial cities in Jordan are normally planned to include banks, restaurants, post offices, insurance companies, and parks. "and the Jordanian government offers real incentives to investors exempting them from income tax for the first two years after the beginning of production."

Referring to the recent Jordanian economic measures to stimulate investment, Suheimat said until the end of September at least 500 investors have submitted applications at the Ministry of Industry and Trade seeking information and expressing desire to start investment and industrial projects in the country.

Suheimat said the second stage of the Sahab Industrial City is expected to receive a considerable number of prospective investors.

Khasawneh in S. Arabia for Islamic ministers conference

JEDDAH (J.T.) — Jordan is taking part in an Islamic information ministers conference which was opened by King Fahd of Saudi Arabia here Tuesday.

Delegates from the 46-member Organisation of Islamic Conference are expected to discuss an Islamic information strategy, a plan for information cooperation among Islamic nations and ways to activate the Islamic News Agency.

Jordan is represented at the meeting by Information Minister Hani Khasawneh who arrived here from Cairo at the conclusion of his meetings with his Egyptian counterpart Sawfat Al Sharif.

While in Cairo, the minister was received by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak to whom he delivered a message from His Majesty King Hussein dealing with coordination between Jordan and Egypt in various fields.

Khasawneh also met with Sharif to discuss scopes of cooperation between the two countries in radio, television and other information media.

The talks culminated in agreement on stepping up bilateral cooperation in exchanges of television and radio programmes, launching training programmes

for personnel from either country and involving Iraq with Jordan and Egypt in the production of television materials and programmes. They also agreed to exchange messages and news reports dealing with tourism, social and cultural affairs.

The minister was received in Cairo also by Egyptian Prime Minister Ataf Sidki with whom he reviewed projects conducted jointly by Egypt and Jordan and attended Egyptian military celebrations marking the anniversary of the October War and the reopening of the Egyptian Opera.

Hammouri back after attending reopening of Egyptian Opera

AMMAN (Agencies) — Minister of Culture and National Heritage Mohammad Hammouri returned to Amman Tuesday after a brief visit to Cairo where he attended the reopening of the Egyptian Opera.

The opening of the opera was a significant event in the Arab nation's cultural and artistic life, since the opera will serve as a cultural centre highlighting Egypt's various cultural and artistic events, the minister said in a statement at the airport.

Referring to Jordanian-Egyptian cooperation in artistic and cultural affairs, the minister said that Egyptian officials and ministers have invited Jordan to participate in the various activities that would be organised at the opera in Cairo such as seminars, poetry reading and acting.

The Egyptians will provide Jordan with a programme of activities to help it choose what is suitable for Jordanian artistic contribution, the minister added.

The seven-storey domed Culture Palace replaces Cairo's old Opera House, built in 1869 to celebrate the opening of the Suez Canal and destroyed by fire in 1971.

The idea was conceived when President Mubarak visited Tokyo in 1983 and construction started two years later.

"This is one of the best moments of my life," Mubarak wrote in the visitors' book. "I have waited a long time to see it happen."

Mubarak presided over the opening concert in the 1,200-seat main hall with other dignitaries including Iraqi Vice-President Taha Mohiaddin Ma'ruf and the son of President Saddam Hussein.

Rawabdeh begins visit to Tunis

CAIRO (Petra) — Greater Amman Mayor Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh left Cairo for Tunis Tuesday after attending a formal ceremony for the inauguration of the Egyptian Opera.

Rawabdeh said in a pre-departure statement that he and the mayor of Cairo have agreed that a special wing in the Cairo International Park will be named after Amman and a special wing in a projected international park in Amman will be named after the Egyptian capital.

In Tunis, he said, that he will meet with the city mayor to discuss cooperation between the two cities in municipal affairs. Rawabdeh will later attend a meeting of representatives from Arab and European cities which will be held in Marakesh.

Madaba governor meets new Ma'in council

MADABA (Petra, J.T.) — Madaba District Governor Khalil Khreisat met Tuesday with the members of the new municipal council of Ma'in and urged them to exert serious efforts in implementing projects and increasing the municipality's revenues.

Members of the eight member council voiced their appreciation to the government authorities which ensured organised elections on Monday and pledged to do all they can to promote services for all citizens in Ma'in. Khreisat had earlier announced the results of the elections which were held at two separate centres, one for men and the other for women.

Hmoud urges farmers to use improved seeds

JERASH (Petra) — Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud, in a speech at a meeting in Jerash urged local agriculturalists and farmers to use the improved seeds and plants which the ministry's nurseries can provide.

"Improved saplings of fruit and forest trees distributed by the ministry departments are of good quality and pest-resistant," the minister said.

The Ministry of Agriculture will go ahead with plans to produce as many olive saplings as possible, to be planted during Arbor Day

Celebrations in January, Hmoud added.

A local agriculture ministry official said that 650,000 olive saplings have been produced by the Al Faisal nursery and will be sold to farmers for nominal prices as of the middle of January 1989, the beginning of the season for planting olive saplings.

Later, the minister opened an olive tree press in the Jerash district, remarking that it is one of the most modern presses in the Middle East, capable of handling eight tonnes of olives per hour.

Liquor stores to close on Prophet's birthday

AMMAN (Petra) — All liquor stores, night clubs and bars within the capital and its surrounding areas will be closed on the occasion of the Prophet Muhammad's Birthday, according to instructions issued by the Amman governor Tuesday.

The occasion falls on Oct. 23 and the closure will be effective from Saturday evening on Oct. 22 until Monday morning Oct. 24, according to the instructions.

marked by ceremonies and festivities organised by the Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs in Amman and other parts of Jordan.

A ministry committee announced that a public celebration will be held at the Palace of Culture of Al Hussein Youth City while a grand religious ceremony will be organised at Al Hussein Mosque downtown Amman on the following day.

WHAT'S GOING ON

The following listings are compiled from monthly bulletins and the daily Arabic press. Readers are advised to verify the listed time and place with the concerned institutions.

EXHIBITIONS

- ☆ Art exhibition by Omar Al Basoul, at the Housing Bank Complex.
- ☆ Book exhibition, at Yarmouk University, Irbid.
- ☆ Art exhibition by Salameh Kana'an, at Al Wasiti Gallery, Plaza Hotel.
- ☆ Exhibition: Drawings and watercolours of German romanticism, at the Goethe Institute.
- ☆ Soviet book exhibition, at Plaza Hotel.
- ☆ Lithography Art Exhibition by Sonia Delauney at the French Cultural Centre.
- ☆ Book exhibition at the Karak Community College.
- ☆ Book exhibition at the Khansa' Secondary School in Madaba.
- ☆ Photo exhibition to mark the 64th anniversary of the establishment of Soviet Moldavia Republic, at the Soviet Cultural Centre — 5:30 p.m.

LECTURE

- ☆ Ms. Ellen Lalpison will give a lecture on "The Role of U.S. Congress in the Formulation of U.S. Foreign Policy," at the American Centre — 6:00 p.m.

SYMPOSIUM

- ☆ Dr. Adnan Bakri will address a symposium entitled "The Constitution Day," at the Soviet Cultural Centre — 6:00 p.m.

PLAY

- ☆ An Arabic play entitled "Qahthan and the Camel," at the Opera House Theatre (evening).

VIDEO

- ☆ Conservations de Georges Aperghis avec Michael Lonsdale, at the French Cultural Centre — 4:00 p.m.



Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh Tuesday opens a new health centre at Zawahreh district in Zarqa (Petra photo)

New Zarqa health centre starts operation after formal opening

ZARQA (Petra) — A health centre at Zawahreh district here Tuesday began providing mother and child care, vaccination and dentistry services to the local population soon after the centre's formal opening by Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh.

According to local health officials a total of 20,000 inhabitants will benefit from the centre's services.

Hamzeh said in a statement at the inauguration ceremony that his ministry was striving to double

the number of health centres in the Kingdom before the year 2000, and to reduce public reliance on hospitals.

The Health Ministry is also giving more attention now to school health services in cooperation with the Ministry of Education and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO), and the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), Hamzeh noted.

He said that a conference will be held during this month to chart

a new health curricula for schools.

The minister reviewed the Health Ministry's programme of spreading health services in all regions and said that plans have been laid down to promote the teaching of nursing subjects at schools.

The director of the health department here, who attended the ceremony, outlined the general health situation in Zarqa Governorate, mentioning services offered to school children by the local health centres and hospitals.

JUST takes more graduates in bid to build skilled manpower

RAMTHA (Petra) — The Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) has an annual JD 90,000 budget for research work and maintains coordination with the Faculty of Scientific Research at the University of Jordan and local pharmaceutical companies, according to Dr. Hassan Milkawi, dean of JUST's higher studies department.

As an example of the university's activities Milkawi cited the JD 34,000 agreement signed recently by JUST and the Jordan Phosphate Mines Company to conduct further research for the phosphate industry in Jordan.

Milkawi called on Jordanian universities to step up their cooperation in scientific fields to serve the Kingdom's development projects.

JUST's new area of expansion is accepting more students for post-graduate studies, he said, particularly in the disciplines of electrical, mechanical and civil engineering.

The university, has allocated JD 40,000 for scholarships to be offered to post graduate students.

NOTICE

Drawing for the Um Al Hussein Orphanage Lottery tickets took place at the Hussein Youth City Palace of Culture on Monday, Oct. 10, 1988. Following are the results:

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16183	Eleventh
11339	Twelfth
8489	Thirteenth
6789	Fourteenth
15532	Fifteenth
15871	Sixteenth
10954	Seventeenth
2751	Eighteenth
15182	Nineteenth
4597	Twentieth
15612	Twenty first
4421	Twenty second
1546	Twenty third
12898	Twenty fourth
5101	Twenty fifth
4159	Twenty sixth
9522	Twenty seventh
1559	Twenty eighth
11053	Twenty ninth
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A two-way information flow

THE opening of the first Islamic Information Ministers' conference in Jeddah Tuesday comes at a time when the role of information in matters of social development or political conflicts has received considerable attention around the world. The subject is rather problematic, particularly when viewed from a Third World perspective such as ours, and that of all the other Muslim countries. We constantly complain of the distortions and bias which the international news agencies often perpetuate when presenting news of the Third World.

Whether this is an unconscious result of cultural misperceptions, or an inevitable consequence of the commercial need to make stories interesting, and therefore commercially marketable, is for others to debate. What concerns us is that we suffer from the consequences of this reality, and we would suggest, so do the readers and viewers around the world who rely so heavily on the raw material provided by the dominant global news media.

The Islamic information ministers will have to come up with suggestions about how to rectify the situation. But it would be wrong for the conference to fall into the trap of righting a wrong by introducing concepts of news flow which may suffer from the same vulnerabilities as those we seek to amend in the western media. News is useful and interesting when it can combine accuracy with honesty, and depth with balance.

We have seen several attempts by developing states to form their own news gathering and dissemination operations, but none of these have been able to command the kind of credibility and audience acceptance that western media have long enjoyed. The challenge before the ministers in Jeddah is to combine the professionalism and technical standards of the international media with the sort of accuracy and balance which we have always sought, but not always received, from the same international media.

We believe it can be done, and if it is done properly it would provide a service and a tool which the developing countries can use effectively in their quest for a new international information order and for more rational and mutually constructive relations between developing and developed states.

ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Al Ra'i Arabic daily newspaper Tuesday commented on the Iran-Iraq negotiations in Geneva, which have been stalled largely due to Iran's intransigence resulting from domestic pressure inside Iran and external influences by foreign nations. The paper said the Tehran leadership hates to see peace prevailing in the Gulf region; and certain nations which have more interests in war than peace are trying to obstruct progress in the peace negotiations. Both these forces are acting selfishly and with disregard to the people of the embattled region and their sufferings and losses, the paper noted. It emphasised the point that Iraq is capable of pursuing all efforts at all levels to attain peace with its neighbour, but at the same time is capable of resuming the fighting if war breaks out anew. Unless Iran opts for reason, and unless it stops its manoeuvres at Geneva, it will eventually find itself embroiled in another conflict that can only bring to its people more sufferings and tragedies, the paper warned.

Al Dustour Arabic daily commented on the on-going Israeli election campaign, and said that the two major parties are doing all they can to win more seats in parliament. In the continuing battle for votes and amidst the charges and counter charges exchanged by the leaders of various groups one can clearly see that the Palestinian uprising makes a rich topic for argument and debate, the paper noted. But, it said, that the leaders of the Likud and Labour are both in agreement on terminating the uprising at any cost since their present coalition government is showing more ferocity and brutality in dealing with the Palestinians as the election campaign gains momentum. This is clear from statements by War Minister Yitzhak Rabin (from the Labour Party) who has been advocating iron-fist and military-power policies against the Palestinians, thus copying the official stand of the Likud, the paper explained.

Sawt Al Shaab daily tackled the uprising in the occupied Arab lands which has now entered its 11th month and the escalation of Israel's inhuman practices. Tens of thousands of martyrs, wounded and detained people, in addition to Israel's acts of intimidation and terrorist activities against women and children, have failed and will fail to break the resolve of people bent on achieving freedom, said the paper. There can be no alternative to violent struggle to achieve freedom, no matter how heavy the sacrifice is and regardless of Israel's repression, the paper added.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARY

Selling out the country

A guest columnist in Al Dustour Arabic daily criticises citizens who hoard dollars as though they were food supplies and sell Jordanian dinars in a bid to make a quick profit when selling the dollars at a higher rate later on.

These people are gambling with their savings and with the future of their families, and they, and not the dinar, will eventually be the losers, says Mohammad Amin. Those who sell their dinars and buy dollars to store in their bedrooms are speculators who ought to be punished because they have no sense of national belonging and are selling out their country, the writer demands. According to some estimates, citizens now possess between 60 and 70 million dollars stashed away at home, awaiting higher rates to start selling and make profits or smuggling the money abroad, thus causing damage to their national economy, Amin maintains.

The current rise in the exchange rate of the dollar, he writes, is artificial, resulting mainly from speculation on the local money markets and not due to the strength of the American currency on international markets. This phenomenon, he says, is bound to end soon dealing selfish people a nasty blow.

And then there were three ...

In the last of three articles, Dr. Souad Dajani of the Centre for International Affairs, Harvard University, studies the U.S. input into the Israeli-South African relationship.

IT IS almost certain that neither the apartheid regime in South Africa nor the close South African-Israeli economic and military alliance would be allowed to persist for long without implicit encouragement and backing from the United States. The American role is both direct and indirect. We may note that in spite of recent economic sanctions passed by the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives (August and September 1986) approximately 195 U.S. firms still remain there. Firms such as IBM, GM, Kodak, Ford, Citibank, ITT and Xerox have all pulled out or are pulling out of South Africa (over 125 have left since 1984), but in many cases after selling their operations to local South African partners who simply continue to distribute the product there.

Newsweek, therefore, describes divestment as a "camouflage." Frequently, subsidiaries of these same U.S. firms are located in places like Germany, Japan and Israel and continue to supply South Africa with their products. As for other dimensions of the U.S. connection, specific mention can be made of the FTA between Israel and the United States whereby Israel is provided with several important advantages which indirectly benefit South Africa as well.

Although both the GATT (General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade) and the GSP afford Israeli exports to the United States with a special tax status, it is envisioned that the gradual implementation of the FTA (over 10 years, beginning 1985) will provide even more security and tax breaks for Israeli goods to the United States.

Congress will no longer exercise the authority, should it so

desire, of being able to shut the U.S. market in the face of specific Israeli goods, or impose duties on Israeli products, even those deemed to be in competition with similar American products.

Israeli goods exported to the United States will no longer require licences, will not be restricted by quotas (even those in competition with similar U.S. products such as textiles and steel) and will enter the United States duty-free. In addition, according to the terms of the FTA, Israel will have access to the latest sophisticated technology in the United States. The major advantage as far as South Africa is concerned, is to provide easy access for its products into two vast markets — the United States and Europe — and allow it to circumvent various boycotts against its products and the effects of whatever economic sanctions the world body decides to impose.

Under the FTA, it is required that at least 35 per cent of a product constitute "domestic content"; this amount may have to be added to any product coming in from a third country prior to export to the United States. Such a condition poses hardly any difficulty for South African semi-finished products (whether military or industrial) which are exported to Israel, finished or refined there, tagged with a "made in Israel" label and shipped on to the United States or Europe.

Beyond the Free Trade Area agreement that encourages the continuation of this "unconventional trade" for disposing of South African products, there is a more serious and direct dimension to U.S. involvement in the Israeli-South African alliance. Careful examination of the

Israeli-South African relationship reveals that there is a U.S. connection at every level — whether military, economic or political.

Military

At the military level, it becomes evident that Israel's close relationship with the United States is merely a stepping-stone for U.S.-Israeli-South African links. Forbidden weapons systems, U.S. technology, U.S. investments and U.S. aid all find their way to South Africa.

Israel receives a large part of its technological know-how directly from the United States. Thus, the U.S. government GAO Report states that for 1981-82, most of Israel's technological exports contained approximately 36 per cent U.S. components. In electronics, 35 per cent of Israeli know-how is acquired from the

U.S. firms (such as Motorola Israel, Tadiran of General Telephone and Electronics and Elbit of Control Data Corporations). Moreover, these same subsidiaries of U.S. firms may be involved in direct deal and joint ventures with South African companies — to produce arms, technology and electronics systems.

U.S. aid to Israel constitutes an additional means by which arms and technology are transferred to South Africa.

One illustration of this is through what has been described as "unprecedented" moves by the U.S. government to allow Israel to spend part of its FMS aid in Israel itself, rather than in the United States. In at least two documented cases, the manufacture of the Merkava II tank and more recently, the Lavi, FMS money has been spent in Israel

providing South Africa with political legitimisation in several ways. One method is through direct U.S. encouragement of South African policies with regard to neighbouring states. For example, in 1975, Secretary of State Kissinger encouraged Israel to help in South Africa's invasion of Angola.

Another method is for the United States to use Israel as a "surrogate" for its interests, especially in South Africa and Latin America. Israel is viewed as being able to operate with a freer hand than the United States; as Alfred Moleah points out, "Israel is what the U.S. administration then and now relies upon to thwart and subvert the will of Congress and U.S. law to carry out its crusade of anti-communism and anti-terrorism."

It appears that Israel's role as surrogate will persist despite the "Comprehensive Anti-Apartheid Act" passed by the U.S. Congress in October 1986. The very vagueness of some aspects of the bill in question enables Israel to continue undeterred in its relations with South Africa (while the United States has been able to make an important public relations score). Israel and its supporters can argue that the bill targets mainly the direct sales of arms and technology to South Africa and the signing of new military contracts. Most of Israel's relationship with South Africa involves the fulfilment of old contracts, some in effect since the 1960s — which Israel promises will still be honoured.

On Sept. 30, 1987, the Reagan administration announced that sanctions imposed the year before against South Africa had failed and that President Reagan would "refuse to recommend new sanctions." This move is a luck break for Israel, which was becoming concerned about the anticipated effects of its continued

ties with South Africa. The new sanctions which Reagan was to have considered included cessation of military aid to any country that supplies arms to South Africa.

In sum, both the Israeli lobby and the U.S. government provide a political sanction for the South African-Israeli relationship, in addition to legitimising the excesses of both states.

The United States is also contributing economically to the preservation of the South African regime. Beyond its own direct investments in South Africa, U.S. investments in Israel are ultimately translated into benefits for South Africa — whether in the procurement of arms or in channelling South African products for re-export through Israel.

Conclusion

In the face of increased international economic pressure and sanctions against South Africa, Israel is beginning to realise that its continued close association with that state, especially in the matter of selling forbidden arms in defiance of the U.N.-imposed embargoes, is gravely damaging its image in the United States and the West.

However, Israel has continued to reject imposition of widespread economic sanctions (comparable to other European states) against South Africa and has remained apart. Even the latest restrictions on trade, adopted in September 1987 in anticipation of U.S. sanctions that never materialised, hardly affected the military relationship between the two countries.

Israel appears confident that the United States will not apply the threatened sanctions, particularly in view of what is at stake for all concerned in the Israeli-South African-U.S. connection.

—American-Arab Affairs

Zionism and White Supremacy — the strategic links

United States. Once incorporated into Israeli weapons systems, these may then be sold to South Africa. Given the various indications of extensive technology and arms transfers to South Africa, it is worth concerning ourselves with the question of whether the recent U.S.-Israeli agreement on Israeli participation in R & D for the SDI programme will also ultimately draw in South African participation. South African funding or the acquisition of this "Star Wars" technology from Israel.

A major portion of Israeli arms sold to South Africa are manufactured by Israeli subsidiaries of

weapons industries.

A second illustration concerns the channelling of South African goods through Israel, which is also dependent on the very generous amounts of U.S. aid. Keeping in mind the billions of dollars of aid to Israel over the years, said to amount to \$25 billion in the decade 1974-1984 along and accounting for 12 per cent of Israel's GNP, one would expect greater Israeli accountability to the U.S. government on how the money is spent, particularly with regard to the export of arms and technology to South Africa.

Political

In effect, the United States is

robbers) do is terrible — they destroy everything and take the pieces out of their context," said Chero.

Treasures robbed

Huaca Rajada is pock-marked with looters' pits. Near the top of the platform is a tunnel 20 feet straight down.

It was there that *huaqueros* from the village of Sipan made a major find in February 1987. Working day and night with guards posted to warn of the arrival of strangers, several dozen looters extracted what is believed to have been a treasure trove perhaps as great as that found by archaeologists months later.

Soon afterwards, authorities noticed an influx of unusually fine gold and silver artifacts on the clandestine antiquities market.

Without a tip from jealous *huaqueros*, "it would have been very difficult for the government to learn exactly where the gold was coming from," said Martinez.

In a police raid in April 1987 at the home of one of the families looting the pyramid, a ringleader was shot and killed and some of the gold artifacts rescued.

When Alva and his assistants arrived at Sipan to excavate the pyramid, the villagers accused them of trying to take what was rightfully theirs and threatened them. The site is now protected by armed police and enclosed by barbed wire.

"Many people in Sipan say their families have dug through the temples around here for generations," Martinez said.

"The problem of *huaqueros* goes back to the colonial era," said Juan Gunther, a Lima architect and amateur archaeologist. "Huacas (tombs) were considered in the same category as mines for exploiting. A Spaniard paid the same tax on the wealth he extracted from a Huaca as from a mine."

"Only in the last 30 years have they started to penalise looting. But it continues to be a well organised business, from the *huaqueros* who sweat with their shovels up through the middlemen who export."

In 1938, in the greatest known plunder of the century, the owner of Batán Grande, a hacienda north of Sipan, used a bulldozer to break open a pyramid and is said by witnesses to have filled 15 potato sacks with gold artifacts.

Peru is a country rich in pre-Inca ruins but desperately poor in practically every other way.

While looters are largely free to destroy temples in their search for treasure, Peruvian archaeologists are severely hampered in their work.

"There is no economic support in Peru for the government to conduct archaeological work on a large scale," said Martinez. "The government is interested in projects that give quick returns."

Chero said hundreds of temples on Peru's northern coast have never been excavated by archaeologists for lack of funds.

"Near Sipan alone, there are 15 pyramids. We have a good idea of where there may be tombs," he said. "But without money, we can't excavate."

Western hemisphere's most valuable ancient tomb discovered

contains about a little-known culture.

The find also has focused attention on the shadowy world of international artifact smuggling and its impact on Peru, and impoverished nation without the resources to protect and investigate hundreds of pre-Columbian temples.

Stunning gold work

"This is the richest tomb ever excavated archaeologically in the Western Hemisphere. The quality of the gold work is stunning," Dr. Christopher Donnan, an expert on ancient Peru, said in Washington, announcing the discovery at a mid-September news conference.

He spoke at the headquarters of the National Geographic Society, which financed the excavation.

The importance of the tomb's contents to archaeology ranks with the discovery in 1922 of King Tutankhamen's burial place in Egypt, said Donnan, director of the Museum of Cultural History at the University of California at Los Angeles.

The cache contained, among other items, a gold face mask, a two-foot-wide solid gold crown, a gold knife, two strands of large gold-and-silver beads shaped as

peanuts and a gold warrior's shield weighing almost 1.2 kilograms.

The Lord of Sipan, the name given him by archaeologists, was a warrior-priest with administrative powers. He was about 35 at death, and stood 5-feet, 6 inches (167 centimetres) tall.

Human sacrifice

Buried with him were a favourite dog, a child, three young women, possibly wives or concubines, and three men, including one believed to be a sentry, whose feet had been cut off to prevent him from abandoning his duty of guarding the tomb in the next life.

"Imagine the power he had. All those people were sacrificed and entombed with him. He was a great lord with absolute control over the lives of his subjects," said Luis Chero, resident archaeologist at the site.

The tomb was at one end of a ceremonial, adobe-brick platform 70 metres long, 50 metres wide and 10 metres high.

The 45-metre pyramid, called Huaca Rajada by local villagers, juts up out of sugar cane fields. Some of them are still watered by canals built by the Moche, according to Juan Martinez, an archaeologist on the excavation.

Archaeologists say the Moche were a warrior nation given to human sacrifice, highly skilled in metallurgy and proficient in using complex irrigation systems to make desert lands produce bountiful harvests of cotton and corn.

The Moche dominated a 480-kilometre stretch of Peru's northern coast from about 100 to 800 A.D. Their civilisation mysteriously disappeared long before the Spanish arrived in the 1530s and destroyed the better-known Inca empire, which held sway hundreds of years after the Moche.

The Huaca Rajada pyramid apparently was a giant mausoleum for a succession of Moche rulers, and archaeologists have recently discovered a second tomb, now under excavation, of another warrior-priest, although of lesser rank than the Lord of Sipan.

The Moche didn't have a written language. But Chero, whose copper skin and high cheekbones are a mirror image of the faces found on Sipan's golden masks, said the carefully placed layers of ceramic vessels with descriptive scenes found in the first tomb were like "the pages of a book."

Valuable information about the relationship of one object to another in a tomb can be irretrievably lost when it is plundered. "Pottery is not placed haphazardly in tombs. It always is meant to communicate something. What the *huaqueros* (tomb

By Monte Hayes
The Associated Press

SIPAN, Peru — The great lord of Sipan ruled over a vast desert kingdom, died in his mid-30s and lay unmolested for 1,500 years until archaeologists reached his tomb in a race against grave robbers.

In the view of some experts, the tomb has turned out to be the most valuable such find in the Western Hemisphere, and as valuable as the discovery of King Tutankhamen's burial place in Egypt.

Archaeologists might have found an empty tomb if they had arrived here later than they did. The robbers had dug to within a yard of his burial chamber before other tomb vandals tipped off archaeologists because they weren't included in the planned plunder.

"They were close to reaching him," said Walter Alva, director of Peru's Brujuno Archaeological Museum, which conducted the excavation.

"If they had, they would have destroyed his tomb and we would not now have a discovery of incalculable value that will allow us to know better the ancient Peruvians."

The burial chamber contained finely crafted gold jewellery worth a \$½ million and more than 1,200 ceramic vessels with painted scenes of daily life of the Moche people, one of the earliest civilisations of the Americas and forerunners of the Incas.

The tomb, located on the upper platform of a pyramid near the coastal village of Sipan, 500 miles northwest of Lima, has astonished archaeologists for its wealth and the information it

OPEN FORUM

Old traits, new examples

It is sickening enough to see some of the "old guard" powers still pursuing their centuries-old policies of discrimination against people and nations, but it is worse when they seek to pull down a veil of false legitimacy over the practices.

Take the British-Kuwaiti row over British Petroleum (B.P.) shares. When the company was in trouble and the British government wanted to off-load B.P. shares, the given official line that Britain stood for a "free market," and enhanced "foreign participation" in British industry. Kuwait was encouraged to build a sizeable stake in the company, only to be told one year later that it had crossed the 20 per cent "barrier" and should cut it by half. Where was this barrier one year ago when Britain almost broke its back trying to entice Kuwait to acquire B.P. shares with no reservations whatsoever?

The paramount question is would all these fuss, hue and cry that followed have occurred had it been the U.S., France or any other Western country that was involved — even Japan for that matter — instead of Kuwait? The argument of conflict of interests — because Kuwait is an oil-producer — does not wash simply because the Arab country can't hope to impose its will on B.P. with its present holding in the company.

The real reason behind the sudden British revulsion towards Kuwaiti investment is simple and straight: Kuwait is not industrialised and is not white, and some of those peers on the B.P. board cannot stand the thought of sharing the same table with an Arab.

At the same time, one can also see an enlightening note in the affair, no matter how it turns out. It has again shown the world that old habits die hard, especially British ones. The episode should serve as a firm pointer to the fragility of British pledges of "international economic cooperation," "partners in progress," "free world," etc. etc. etc.

Inad Khairallah

European parliament assumes role as political stage

By Christina Mackenzie
The Associated Press

STRASBOURG, France — The European Parliament, often criticised in the past for its limited powers, is raising its profile by making itself a stage for world leaders.

Already this year, the Dalai Lama, Tibet's exiled leader, and PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat used the European Economic Community assembly to issue major policy statements.

Pope John Paul II will pay a visit Tuesday, and Soviet leader Mikhail S. Gorbachev is to come before next spring.

The assembly, in behind-the-scenes negotiations, also has been discussing invitations to Costa Rican President Oscar Arias, Filipino President Corason Aquino and Indian Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, among others.

Such visits render a huge public relations service to the parliament. Gorbachev, for instance, is to come just before the next elections of the parliament, which meets one week each month.

For visitors, a trip to Strasbourg is a chance to address a respected, inoffensive forum and scores of journalists who each month travel from Brussels to Strasbourg.

"We can give them a good platform," said Rudi Arnot of West Germany, head of the 165-member Socialist group, the assembly's largest, which invited Arafat.

High-profile visits are "good for our image," he said, echoing a prevalent feeling among the 518 legislators from the 12 EEC nations.

In the past, the parliament has been frequently criticised as a toothless outfit and something of an early resting place for fading politicians.

Growing powers

But after 1985, it received some new powers, including the right to reject economic cooperation accords between the EEC and other nations and to block draft EEC legislation. Many individual parliament members also have heightened their own personal profiles.

The parliament itself only invites as speakers heads of state or government, "or someone who comes into the category of being responsible for the running of the country," said Lord Plumb, a British Conservative and the parliament's president.

The parliament "encourages visits (but) we obviously have to limit them because of our workload," Officials visits to the parlia-

ment are kept to about three a year. But others need no formal invitation from the parliament.

Those invited by the parliament itself can speak in the main meeting hall. Guests of members or political groups are restricted to minor meeting rooms. But their impact is the same where it counts most: In the media.

The Dalai Lama, speaking in a room packed with legislators and journalists, departed from long-standing policy to state he can accept limited independence for Tibet, which China invaded in 1949.

His visit upset China. "We are opposed to the provision of a forum to the Dalai Lama for his activities aimed at undermining the unification of the motherland by any foreign organisations or individuals," said foreign ministry spokesman Li Zhaoxing in Beijing the next day.

Israel upset

Likewise, Arafat's visit in September was a media event, especially when he wished Israel a happy Jewish new year in Hebrew.

His visit upset Israel. Foreign Minister Shimon Peres said it showed the West Europeans once again "to fall in love with the PLO."

Israel quickly rejected an independent Palestinian state in Israeli-occupied territories that Arafat said was in the offing.

Where official guests are concerned the parliament tries to avoid embarrassing incidents by ensuring an invitation is backed by most of the nine political groups.

This has not always worked. U.S. President Ronald Reagan, during a 1985 visit, faced a sea of placards held up by parliamentarians protesting U.S. policy towards Nicaragua. Some legislators walked out as the president spoke.

Beyond the highly visible visits, either formal or informal, by foreign dignitaries, a staggering number of senior foreign diplomats comes here each month, not to speak but to lobby.

"At each monthly session we probably get 40 or 50 ambassadors from all over the world," said Plumb.

"They come because here they've got a captive group of people representing 12 countries and they feel that the contacts that they make ... with different political groups saves them going around 12 EEC capitals."

Nations usually send ambassadors and at times cabinet members if the parliament is to debate an issue concerning their countries.

MIDDLE EAST NEWS IN BRIEF

Somalia to boost U.S. defence ties

MOGADISHU (R) — Somalia has agreed to strengthen military ties with the United States, the official Soma news agency said Tuesday. The agreement followed official talks between Major General Riley Williams, deputy commander of the 300,000-strong U.S. central command (Centcom) mobile force, and Brigadier General Maslah Muhammad Siad Barre, the son of Somalia's president and commander of troops in the capital of Mogadishu. Centcom is the successor to the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force and like it is kept in readiness for possible intervention in the Middle East.

Demjanjuk lawyer: Witness intimidated

TEL AVIV (AP) — Attorneys for John Demjanjuk, the retired American autoworker convicted as a Nazi camp guard, have accused Israeli authorities of telling a potential defence witness not to testify during the trial. Defence attorney Yoram Shefiel said a motion to present evidence from Richard Glazier, a Treblinka survivor now living in Switzerland, was submitted Monday to the supreme court. Glazier refused to testify for the defence, Shefiel said. He said a taped conversation between Glazier and an American attorney indicates that Israeli authorities pressured Glazier to withhold information that could have vindicated Demjanjuk. "We are asking the court to inform Mr. Glazier that he is not obliged to keep his mouth shut," Shefiel said. "This is a clear cut case of obstruction of justice." Demjanjuk, 68, was sentenced to death in April after being identified as "Ivan the Terrible," a guard at the Nazis' Treblinka camp. He denied he was the guard.

U.N. to name special Sahara envoy

UNITED NATIONS (R) — Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar will name a special representative for western Sahara this week, he told reporters on Monday. The appointment was authorised by the Security Council in a resolution adopted Sept. 20. The special representative would oversee a ceasefire and referendum in the former Spanish territory, whose rule by Morocco has been opposed for the past 12 years by guerrillas of the Polisario Front. Proposals for organising the truce and referendum were accepted in principle by both sides August 30. The operation would require the establishment of a U.N. peace force numbering about 2,500 men as well as a large civilian contingent.

One million Israelis vaccinated

TEL AVIV (R) — One million Israelis, alarmed by an outbreak of polio, lined up for vaccinations in the first two days of an immunisation campaign as ultra-orthodox Jews prayed Monday for an end to the disease. Tourism ministry director Rafi Farber said his industry, damaged by the 10-month-old Palestinian uprising in the occupied territories, had already been harmed by the outbreak. Health clinics began Sunday by immunising babies and toddlers after officials reported 10 cases of the disease which paralyses the body by attacking the nervous system. Israel Radio said nearly one million vaccines were given in the first two days of the programme. More than 1,000 ultra-orthodox Jews held a service in occupied Jerusalem to pray for the disease to pass quickly.

Cyprus jails Brazilian dope courier

LARNACA (AP) — A 17-year-old Brazilian girl of Lebanese descent was sentenced to four years imprisonment Tuesday for smuggling 295 grammes of heroin. State prosecutor Rallis Gabelides told the court Salwa Hamdar confessed to the police she had paid \$1,500 by a Lebanese drug smuggler in Beirut to carry the heroin to Spain. She was arrested Sept. 30 on arrival by ferry at this port city from Lebanon, and was planning to catch a flight to Spain. The court was told she hid the heroin internally.

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Cabinet endorses laws

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1984. The law is in line with resolutions and objectives adopted by the 1987 National Education Conference, which will be put into force once it has been approved by a Royal Decree. These laws have been earlier approved by the Cabinet and referred to parliament for endorsement. But since parliament has not examined them, the Cabinet decided to pass them as temporary laws.

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Dahi Lasof of the project's economic feasibility. However, he said he did not expect a statement expected to be released by the meeting Wednesday to contain any pledges by the financiers. Saudi Fund's Ahmad Al Yahya also said it was premature for finance agencies to make any pledges to the project.

"The project is still in its initial stages and we cannot declare any pledges at this point," Yahya said. He said the Saudi Fund considered the project as very important to Jordan and eligible for funding by the Saudi Fund.

Israeli soldiers snatch body

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front and back, forcing the van to drive away. An army spokesman said troops took the body to halt a large demonstration. He said it would be returned "at a time when we know it will not cause disturbances in Bethlehem."

In Gaza, meanwhile, the Israeli authorities reopened 33 high schools, allowing about 20,000 students to return to classes after a prolonged summer vacation. All West Bank schools are closed until Nov. 15.

The closure of West Bank schools is damaging the education of a generation of Palestinian children, the United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) said Tuesday.

Pyramid of Cheops finally gets a facelift

By Mimi Mann
The Associated Press

CAIRO — The Great Pyramid of Cheops, pocked by thousands of years of vandalism and stone-robbing, is finally getting a facelift.

The effort to clean debris from between the massive limestone blocks and to tighten loose rocks marks the first restoration work ever attempted on the exterior of the sole survivor of the ancient world's Seven Wonders.

"This is not just cosmetic work," said Zahi Hawass, the Egyptian Antiquities Organisation's director-general for the pyramids area. "We're afraid unless we do something to stabilise the outer stones, there could be a tragedy."

Close scientific scrutiny of the Great Pyramid began on a fluke 18 months ago, when a project to install electronic monitors inside two other pyramids showed the presence of salt.

Work began inside the Great Pyramid last winter to remove the salt that had oozed through the limestone and accumulated along passageway walls. Work on the outside began in late August.

But scientists say repairs to the Great Pyramid probably have been delayed too long because restoration of other monuments was thought to be more pressing.

In early August, for example, workers restored a large rock to the right shoulder of the Sphinx, a mammoth carving of a crouching lion with the head of a pharaoh that had suffered serious damage mainly because of water and salt.

Many other remains of Egyptian antiquity, including the Sphinx, have undergone repairs as early as the pre-Christian era.

Nobody knows when or why, but the Great Pyramid at some time lost nine metres of height, leaving it still enormous at almost 138 metres.

Its outer surface originally was covered with a protective layer of fine, hard limestone, only traces of which survived desecration and looting.

"People have a tendency to think that the pyramids will be here forever because they're so massive, but each is suffering from wind and sand erosion, rain and salt (and)... to a great extent because of the hands of man," Hawass said.

Far from healthy

From a distance, the pyramid appears fine. Close up, it's obviously far from healthy. Many of the massive blocks, each weighing an average two-and-a-half tonnes, have eroded or disappeared. Others hang precariously on uneven ledges.

In 1976, a stone weighing several tonnes fell from the southern side. No one was injured because tourists were being kept away during a dignitary's visit, Hawass said.

The 2.3 million blocks of stone were put together with such precision that a piece of paper would not pass between them.

The new project aims at duplicating such precision. Workers skilled in climbing scurry over the rocks binding loose stones with the natural mortar like that used by the ancients and repairing damage caused by millennia of nesting birds, desert animals and human ravagers.

Man-made damages

Historical records and legends indicate the first man-made damage occurred as early as 500 years after the death of Cheops, the second pharaoh of ancient Egypt's Fourth Dynasty.

The Egyptians were in revolt against tyrannical and oppressive practices of the past, hacking and destroying statues and monuments from the earlier days of the pharaohs.

Less than a century later, the 12th dynasty Pharaoh Amenemhet took many stones from Cheops' pyramid complex to build one for himself at Al-Lisht, south of Giza Plateau. Teams from New York's Metropolitan Museum, who excavated Amenemhet's pyramid, found hundreds of the decorated pieces.

Thousands of its stones were stolen over time, but the pyramid remained structurally intact until the late ninth century, writes I.E.S. Edwards, the British



The Great Pyramid, with the Sphinx in the foreground

Egyptologist acknowledged as the authority on Egyptian pyramids.

At that time, raiders broke a large hole just below the main entrance and entered the monument in a vain search for treasure, Edwards wrote in *The Pyramids of Egypt*.

"Subsequently it became a copious and convenient quarry, providing the stone required for

bridges over irrigation canals, houses, walls and other buildings in the neighbourhood of Giza and Cairo," he wrote.

In the early 19th century, the Albanian Mohammed Ali, credited with creating the modern Egyptian state as part of the Ottoman Empire, thought nothing of using blocks from Cheops and other pyramids for construction.

Peres draws stones and applause on campaign trail

KIRYAT GAT (Agencies) — Israeli Foreign Minister Shimon Peres escaped injury Monday when a stone was hurled at the car in which he was riding to a pre-election rally, Israel Radio said.

It was the fourth time in a week that opponents had disrupted a campaign visit by Peres, leader of the Labour Party. Labour has blamed the rightist Likud bloc of his coalition partner Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for the violence.

The radio said the stone struck the car roof, causing slight damage. Police in Kiryat Gat, an industrial town in southern Israel, failed to catch the stone-thrower.

Earlier Peres met with loud applause Monday when he said the only result of Israel giving up the occupied territories would be rid-

ding itself of 1.5 million Arabs. Peres spoke to about 1,000 workers at a power station near Ashkelon and later shook hands with employees at two factories in Kiryat Gat to the east.

Monday's campaigning, before workers who are Labour's traditional constituents, contrasted with Peres' visits to city streets where he was met with shouted insults from youths in blue-and-white shirts of the Likud bloc and was jeered by crowds.

At the power station, Peres defended Labour's willingness to grant "autonomy" to some areas of the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip in exchange for peace with the Arabs.

Saying his election would reduce tensions, he declared: "Give me a chance to open negotiations."

Afghan rebels claim control of entire northeast province

ISLAMABAD (AP) — A spokesman for an Afghan rebel group said Tuesday that guerrillas had captured Asadabad, a provincial capital, after a month-long siege.

Details of the Monday capture, which gives rebels control of the entire northeastern Afghanistan Kunar province, were sketchy, said Asim Nasser-Zia, a spokesman for the rebel National Islamic Front of Afghanistan.

Afghan troops began evacuating Asadabad last week, preparing for its fall, said Faze Akbar, a representative of the Afghan information and documentation centre in Pakistan's northwest city of Peshawar.

Kunar province hugs the border with Pakistan and is a strategic link to Afghanistan's north.

Its capture opens a northern route to the Afghan capital of Kabul and gives guerrillas access to the eastern city of Jalalabad.

Asadabad, known among Afghans as Chaghaseerai, is about 20 kilometres from the Pakistan border and 160 kilometres north-east of Kabul.

'No retaliation'

Nasser-Zia said the guerrillas do not expect retaliatory action by Soviet or Afghan troops because guerrillas control the Kunar Valley, making it costly to attempt to regain the capital.

Government convoys "would be picked off by Mujahideen like sitting ducks," said Nasser-Zia.

In addition to capturing Asadabad, guerrillas also overran a number of government garrisons,

said Mohammad Ishaq, a member of the rebel group Hezb-e-Islami.

Pashad, a problem garrison for Mujahideen, also fell during the fighting, he said.

Afghan troops "at Pashad indiscriminately shelled the area causing a great number of casualties among civilians and Mujahideen," Ishaq said. Pashad is several kilometres south of Asadabad.

In addition to Asadabad, the guerrillas now boast control of Sharan, the southeastern Paktika provincial capital, Toloqan, the northeastern Takhar province and the central Bamyan provincial centre.

Sharan and Asadabad have been captured within the last two weeks.

Spoils of war

A fleet of military vehicles, a helicopter, a tank and five million afghanis (\$28,000) were among the spoils that fell to the rebels who captured an eastern Afghan garrison, Nasser-Zia said.

"The commander was so excited about the spoils that he didn't say anything about the regime (Kabul government) troops," said Nasser-Zia. The news came in a hastily written note brought to the Pakistani capital by returning rebels, he said.

The victors had thought they were taking a small and relatively insignificant garrison in the sub-district of Gairu, about 105 kilometres west of the Pakistan border, he said. Rebel commanders reported the area fell to guerrillas late last week.

Since coordination between rebel groups inside Afghanistan has solidified, the practice has been to divide the spoils among commanders, with the largest groups in the area getting the biggest share, said Nasser-Zia.

He said the \$28,000, instant wealth by Afghan standards, likely would have been used by government troops to bribe the guerrillas. It's not unusual for harassed government troops to try to buy a ceasefire with rebels in their area, said Nasser-Zia.

Nine rebels were killed taking the garrison. Nothing was said of the casualties suffered by the government or whether guerrillas captured the garrison or Afghan troops evacuated it, he said.

The money will stay with the commanders, said Nasser-Zia. Also taken by rebels were 100 low-calibre pistols and rifles, two heavy machine guns, 30 military vehicles, one armoured personnel carrier and 10 tractors.

Windfalls like this reduce the rebels' dependence on western military assistance, Nasser-Zia said.

U.S.-backed insurgents have been waging a 10-year war with the Soviet-backed government in Kabul. The Soviets agreed this year to withdraw their troops, which have been in Afghanistan since 1979.

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Oil prices on wild swing

LONDON (R) — Oil prices swung wildly on world spot markets Tuesday reflecting uncertainty about what OPEC may do to deal with the present glut, traders said.

By the day's end in Europe, prices were generally unchanged to 20 cents a barrel above those prevailing late Monday. North Sea Brent blend, the most widely traded crude, was up around 20 cents at \$12.35 a barrel.

It had traded as high as 12.70 in the morning, continuing a Monday rebound from two-year lows below \$12 last week.

Reasons for Monday's gains were varied, but a statement by Saudi Arabia that it would stick to its OPEC output quota if other group members did the same was the chief factor.

Having risen Monday, prices continued to firm in Asia and in Europe Tuesday. But U.S. markets viewed the gains overdone and so prices eased again, although traders' reluctance to go short of crude ahead of OPEC talks planned for next week helped put a floor under the market.

News that Iraq is against calling an emergency meeting of OPEC and wants first to look for a solution to the group's problems at next week's joint meeting of its pricing and long-term strategy committees had little impact.

Iraqi Oil Minister Issam Abdul Rahim Al Chalabi was asked by reporters if Iraq agreed with Libya's call for an emergency conference.

He said: "No, I feel the solution will be to go for the joint meeting... to start with and this is planned for next week. Why do we jump over to an emergency meeting?"

The committee talks, expected to take place Oct. 20 in Madrid, bring together eight of the 13 members of OPEC to discuss overproduction and sagging prices.

The Saudi cabinet in Riyadh reiterated a weekend pledge by the kingdom's oil minister that Saudi Arabia would cut its output immediately if other OPEC members returned to established quotas.

Saudi Arabia "is keen on sticking to its OPEC quota as soon as all members of OPEC abide by their quotas," said a statement issued after a Monday cabinet meeting chaired by King Fahd.

Oil Minister Hisham Nazer, quoted by the Saudi Press Agency Saturday night, said the kingdom was not thinking of leaving OPEC and would abide by its quota if other OPEC members do the same.



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Candidates (who should be Jordanians) meeting these requirements should apply in writing to the Personnel Section, P.O. Box 811721, Amman, Jordan not later than 24 October 1988.

Global financial giant emerges

Saudi takes stake

LONDON (R) — A Saudi Arabian multi-millionaire is taking a stake of nearly one-third in C.S. First Boston.

Saudi businessman Suliman Olayan will put up to \$600 million in standby finance to buy 30.5 per cent of the new company as an interim trustee.

"Olayan will act as standby investor until third party investors are found," John Hennessy, vice-president elect of C.S. First Boston, said Tuesday.

Hennessy said Olayan's group of companies would hold the stake from the end of the year until permanent investors in C.S. First Boston are found.

"We have the highest regard for Olayan's integrity," Hennessy said.

"He and his investment organisation are clients of the three institutions involved" — First Boston Inc., Swiss bank Credit Suisse and Credit Suisse-First Boston.

He declined to discuss details of Olayan's trustee fee.

worldwide firm," said First Boston and Credit Suisse in a joint statement.

The new privately-owned company is to be called C.S. First Boston and will be headed first by First Boston's chief, Peter Buchan.

nan. But he will retire next September.

The ownership breakdown of C.S. First Boston will be: 44.5 per cent Credit Suisse, 25 per cent management employees of First Boston and financiers Credit

Suisse-First Boston, and 30.5 per cent by unnamed third party investors.

Shareholders in First Boston will be bought out for \$52.50 each, compared with the trading price on the New York Stock Exchange of \$49.75 Monday — up 87.5 cents.

The new C.S. First Boston will be a finance industry heavyweight active worldwide in everything from raising capital and merchant banking through mergers and takeovers to selling and trading in securities.

Credit Suisse-First Boston was formed in 1978 as a joint venture between First Boston and Credit Suisse, the third biggest Swiss bank, largely to operate in the London-based market in Euro-bonds — internationally issued and traded bonds.

The companies said that problems have arisen in an increasingly global capital market, leading to strains over the geographical split in the groups' operations.

Jordan considers setting up firm to aid contractors

AMMAN (Petra) — A meeting was held here Tuesday to discuss the establishment of a Jordanian corporation that would export construction business to other countries.

The meeting grouped the ministers of public works and housing, industry and trade and the minister of state for cabinet affairs as well as a committee representing the associations of Jordanian engineers and contractors.

According to a statement, the meeting discussed different aspects pertaining to the projected corporation and the government's backing for such enterprise.

The projected corporation will qualify the Jordanian construction and contracting firms which can be allowed to operate abroad and will issue them certificates

from the Ministry of Public Works and Housing to support their standing, according to the contractors' association president and chairman of the committee.

He said that the corporation will encourage the creation of consortiums among contractors and consultancy offices in order to raise the technical standards of those involved in engineering and construction services.

He added that the corporation will set up a data bank and conduct surveys of the needs of markets abroad in cooperation with Arab and foreign organisations working in the same field.

The government he said has expressed its serious intention to support the exporting of Jordanian construction services and it also plans to include the subject in the Kingdom's future trade protocols with Arab countries.

Malallah to head chamber of industry

AMMAN (J.T.) — The board of directors of the Amman Chamber of Industry (ACI) has decided to appoint Dr. Mohammad Malallah as ACI's director-general to replace Mohammad Saleh Jabbar who resigned to complete work on his doctorate dissertation for an American university. Malallah was director-general of the Jordanian Administrative College which belongs to the Industrial Development Bank.

The chamber also announced that the ACI's board of directors is currently in the process of setting up an organisational structure for the most effective method to enhance the chamber's services and duties.

It said that for this purpose, a survey was conducted to stand on the opinions and suggestions of the chamber's members so as to

realise the chamber's goals in developing its working method, organisational framework and to respond to the aspirations of its members in developing industrial activity.

Al Dastour quoted chamber sources as saying that the chamber aims at becoming a real reference to its members and a tool to handle their industrial problems and to serve the industry and the national economy.

The chamber has asked its members to offer their opinions on the services they require with the goal of developing the chamber in accordance with their ambitions. The obtained information will be fed into a special information bank.

It said some researchers will make personal visits to a number of companies to obtain complementary information.

Saudi Arabia to offer GIB shares to public

RIYADH (R) — Saudi Arabia is to offer its citizens chance to buy six million dinars (\$15.9 million) worth of shares the kingdom will soon receive in Bahrain's second largest offshore bank, Gulf International Bank (GIB).

The official Saudi Press Agency (SPA) announced the move after a weekly cabinet meeting Monday night. It gave no further details. Officials from GIB also declined any immediate comment.

The Saudi sale referred to by

SPA apparently involved the kingdom's share in the first tranche of a major capital increase announced by the bank last February.

GIB said it would double its share capital to \$1.06 billion and would issue a first tranche of \$111.4 million to subscribers by the end of the year.

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ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

Falling oil prices alarm Bahrain

BAHRAIN (R) — Bahrain voiced concern at falling world oil prices and urged Gulf Arab states to coordinate policy to stem the plunge. "Oil is vital for Bahrain's economy and the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC)," the official Gulf News Agency quoted Crown Prince Hamad Ibn Isa Al Khalifa as saying after the weekly cabinet meeting. "It requires coordination of oil policies between member states to confront this situation," Sheikh Hamad said.

Postal charges go up in Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Egypt last week increased the price of stamps by 64 per cent. The post office said letters to the Arab World would cost 25 piasters (about 11 cents) instead of 15 piasters (about seven cents), while letters to Europe would cost 50 piasters (about 22 cents) instead of 30 piasters (about 13 cents). About one million Egyptians work abroad in Arab countries.

British interest rates to remain high

LONDON (AP) — British interest rates will stay as high as necessary for as long as necessary to combat inflation, Chancellor of the Exchequer Nigel Lawson has said. Fighting inflation, now the highest level in three years at 5.7 per cent, remains the British government's top economic priority, Lawson said in an interview. "We have a problem now. It's not so much the trade gap, the problem is the edging up of inflation and that's something I take very, very seriously indeed," said Lawson, the treasury's top official. "That is why it is necessary to jack up interest rates quite substantially, and keep them there as high as they are, for as long as it is necessary to get on top of inflation." British mortgage rates have climbed sharply to the 13 per cent range following the government's move to push up interest rates. Commercial banks increased their base lending rate eight times over the summer to 12 per cent from 7.5 per cent in June.

Kaufman sees recession within 2 years

NEW YORK (R) — Leading private economist Henry Kaufman has said that a small U.S. recession is inevitable within the next two years and the next president should mitigate it by gradually cutting spending and avoiding large tax increases. Kaufman said that he saw "an inevitable economic downturn late next year or early 1990." Kaufman said, however, that a "shallow" recession could become a severe economic crisis with "sizeable and precipitous tax increases or cuts in spending." "Major tax increases will merely shift borrowing from the government to the private sector," he said, which does not quickly change spending habits. "The reductions should be gradually phased in, beginning early next year," he said.

Libya wants emergency OPEC meeting

ROME (AP) — Libya has called for an extraordinary meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) to restore falling oil prices. The official Libyan news agency JANA, monitored in London and Rome, Libya called for an urgent conference of the OPEC ministerial council as soon as possible. It said the council should "take the necessary measures to stop the fall in prices, restore stability to the oil market and to take prices up to levels which are fair to both consumer and producer." JANA said Libya's decision to call for the extraordinary meeting was made "after consultation with some OPEC member countries."

Banker predicts Wall Street crisis

NEW YORK (R) — The United States could face a banking crisis and stock collapse even worse than that of 1987 unless it makes fundamental reforms in its securities markets and tax system, a leading U.S. investment banker has said. Felix Rohatyn, a senior partner in the Lazard Freres investment banking firm, said that the outward calm since last October's crash, when the Dow Jones industrial average plunged 508 points, was deceptive.

Romania offers Iraq more business

BAGHDAD (OPECNA) — Romania has offered its readiness to increase trade with Iraq and participate in the country's postwar development projects. The offer was contained in a message from Romanian Premier Constantin Dascalescu to Iraq's First Deputy Prime Minister Taha Yassin Ramadan. It was carried by Romanian Finance Undersecretary Ion Ripiche, leader of the delegation to the current session of the joint Iraqi-Romanian committee on economic, technical and scientific cooperation.

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	Central Bank official rates		Buy	Sell
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Pound Sterling	645.9	652.4	750.5	767.5
Deutschemark	203.3	205.3	233.7	245.7
Swiss franc	239.5	241.9	265.0	276.6
French franc	59.6	60.2	67.9	69.4
Japanese yen (for 100)	286.5	289.4	—	—
Dutch guilder	180.3	182.1	—	—
Swedish crown	59.3	59.9	60.5	62.5
Italian lira (for 100)	27.3	27.6	—	—
Belgian franc (for 10)	46.9	47.9	—	—
Saudi riyal	—	—	116.0	118.3
Lebanese lira	—	—	—	—
Syrian lira	—	—	9.8	10.1
Iraqi dinar	—	—	295.0	310.0
Kuwaiti dinar	—	—	1520.0	1525.0
Egyptian pound (old)	—	—	167.5	180.0
Egyptian pound (new)	—	—	177.5	190.0
UAE dirham	—	—	118.5	120.0
Omani riyal	—	—	119.4	120.9
Omani riyal	—	—	1130.0	1141.3
Bahraini dinar	—	—	1152.7	1160.8

AMMAN FINANCIAL MARKET

Activity on the Amman Financial Market for Oct. 11, 1988.

	Number	Volume	Contracts
Regular market:	286871	JD 348344	435
Top three companies:			
Intermediate Petrochemical Industries	34485	JD 44599	50
Arab Aluminium Manufacturing	22725	JD 40337	42
Jordan Cement	29666	JD 38018	52
Parallel market:	1602	JD 473	
Development bonds:	23	506	
Treasury bills & bonds:			
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Ministry of Communications	84730	Amman Chamber of Industry	664747
Ministry of Agriculture	63931	Association of Banks in Jordan	662298
Income Tax Department	66055	Jordan Association of Insurance Companies	647370
Central Bank of Jordan	69301	General Statistics Department	846171
Amman Customs Department	77281	Jordan Businessmen Association	680061
Social Security Corporation	64300		
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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Tuesday.

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One U.S. dollar	1.207080	Canadian dollar	
	1.850005	Deutschemark	
	2.085565	Dutch guilders	
	1.658592	Swiss francs	
	38.7679	Belgian francs	
	6.30503100	French francs	
	1378.1379	Italian lire	
	131.00/10	Japanese yen	
	6.3320/70	Swedish crowns	
	6.8390/8400	Norwegian crowns	
	7.1180/1230	Danish crowns	
One ounce of gold	407.20/407.70	U.S. dollars	

WORLD STOCK MARKETS

SYDNEY — Share prices closed higher in light trade with the market propped up by strong gains in gold and resources sectors but with industrial stocks lacklustre. The All Ordinaries index rose 8.6 points to 1,543.3.

TOKYO — Shares recouped earlier losses to end the day higher but off morning peaks, with one broker saying most investors were still not in the market. The Nikkei index rose 211.33 points, 0.78 per cent, to close at 27,469.60.

HONG KONG — Prices closed slightly higher as investors consolidated positions after rallies in the past two sessions. The Hang Seng index finished 5.19 points higher at 2,571.61.

SINGAPORE — Prices closed marginally higher but off early peaks in quiet trading. The Straits Times Industrial index inched up 2.64 points to 1,018.54.

BOMBAY — Prices drifted lower on renewed profit-taking after the government took measures to prevent speculative sales of old shares which include dividends to buy new shares.

FRANKFURT — Prices closed lower in active trading as investors took profits on the market's rise to record 1988 highs Monday. The Real-Time 30-share Dax index closed at 1,271.31, 1.2 per cent off the close Monday.

PARIS — Shares were lower as the market turned cautious and investors took profits after a month of almost continuous rises. The 50-share bourse indicator posted a 1.2 per cent decline.

ZURICH — Shares closed slightly easier in lively trading. The weaker dollar kept the market from following overnight gains on Wall Street. The Swiss index shed 1.4 points to 927.5.

LONDON — Most issues were lower on the day, indicating investors' unwillingness to push prices with any conviction ahead of U.K. economic data this week. At 1500 GMT the FTSE 100 share index was down 4.5 points to 1,839.6.

NEW YORK — Stocks were around their lowest levels of the session, following bonds which opened sharply lower, firmed slightly, then fell again. The Dow was off 11 at 2,148.

Baseball playoffs

Dodgers target 1st pennant in 7 years

The Dodgers, who beat the Mets only once in 11 games during the regular season, moved to within a game of their first pennant in seven years.

The loss moved New York to the brink of its first playoff series loss after four East Division titles.

The game was played a little more than 11 hours after Los Angeles won game 4 in dramatic fashion. Mike Scioscia hit a two-run, game-tying homer off Dwight Gooden in the ninth and the Dodgers won it 5-4 on Kirk Gibson's homer off Roger McDowell in the 12th.

The Dodgers' offense erupted early. Gibson's homer, a line shot into the first deck in right field, on Sid Fernandez' final pitch, gave the Dodgers a 6-0 lead in the fifth.

New York came back on Lenny Dykstra's three-run homer in the bottom of the inning, and scored again in the eighth on a double by Dykstra and a single by rookie

Gregg Jefferies.

Jefferies' hit knocked out rookie Tim Lincecum, who allowed four runs and seven hits while striking out six. Ricky Horton came in and struck out Keith Hernandez, but was relieved after allowing a single to Darryl Strawberry.

Brian Holton came in and saved the win for Belcher, who got his second victory over the NL's winningest team in five days.

The Dodgers scored their final run in the ninth off Roger McDowell on an infield single by Gibson, a stolen base and a triple by Mike Marshall, driving in pinch runner Jose Gonzalez.

Earlier, league president A. Bartlett Giamatti reduced the suspension of Dodger relief pitcher Jay Howell to two games instead of three. Howell was suspended on Saturday because a foreign substance was found in his glove.

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN
AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ KQ983 ♠ Q1062 ♠ 75 ♠ 83

The bidding has proceeded:
West North East South
3 ♠ DBL Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—When partner makes a takeout double of an opposing preempt, he expects you to produce about 6-7 points. Therefore, with no more than that you would normally just bid your best suit. Here, however, your intermediates and the fact that you could have a double fit suggest being more aggressive. We recommend a cue-bid of four clubs, then pass whichever major suit partner bids, or correct to spades if he bids diamonds.

Q.2—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 5 ♠ AKJ942 ♠ 83 ♠ AK64

Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A.—You have a pretty good hand, but experience shows that it is wrong to jump shift with a two-suiter. Respond one heart, and show your power by jump-shifting at your next turn.

Q.3—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K6 ♠ AKJ432 ♠ KQ7 ♠ K8

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—No sense in pussyfooting around with this one. How many tricks you can make depends only on how many aces opener has. The simple way to find out is to wheel out the old black and settle for a grand slam if partner has three aces, a small slam if he has just two, and only five if he has a shabby opening with only one ace.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ AQ983 ♠ AK ♠ J532 ♠ 84

The bidding has proceeded:

South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—You can reach the correct answer by a process of elimination. To bid two spades in this situation would suggest a six-card suit, so that eliminates one possibility. You do not want to declare no trump since you have only one tenace position and a tenuous diamond stopper, which removes another. So that leaves only two diamonds to show the two-suited nature of your hand.

Q.5—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 95 ♠ J3 ♠ AK972 ♠ 984

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—There is a way to describe a sub-minimum two-over-one response based on a one-suited hand—your rebid your own suit at the three-level. This hand rates to play better at diamonds than any other suit contract, because you reckon to make about five tricks in your own hand with your suit as trumps.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 95 ♠ J63 ♠ AKQ982 ♠ K7

The bidding has proceeded:
North East South West
1 ♠ Pass 2 ♠ Pass

What do you bid now?

A.—As we have seen above, three diamonds now would show a weak one-suited hand. You are full value for your two-over-one response, so you can't make that bid. We suggest two no trump if you play that as forcing, to give your partner a chance to rebid his hearts below game should he hold a five-card suit. If two no trump can be passed in your methods, you must jump to three no trump.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Greece, Italy lead in bridge Olympiad

VENICE (R) — Greece took the lead in the strongly-contested group A of the world bridge team Olympiad. A powerful run brought Argentina into second place, while two successive defeats on Monday night dropped Austria to third position. In group B Italy scored two successive blitzes to overhaul Hungary. Four of the 28 teams in each of the two groups will go forward to next week's quarter-finals.

French pair killed in rally

SAN REMO (R) — French driver Jean Marc Dubois and his co-driver Robert Molnier were killed on Tuesday when their Citroen AX sport crashed and overturned during the San Remo rally, a spokeswoman for the organisers said. She said the two men died instantly after their car skidded on a wet asphalted road, hit a guard rail and overturned into a ravine.

Croudip suspected of using cocaine

LAWRENCEVILLE (AP) — Atlanta Falcons cornerback David Croudip died early Monday after suffering seizures at his home. Gwinnett county coroner Randy Simpson said witnesses reported Croudip had ingested cocaine. Croudip was 29. Simpson said an autopsy would be performed later Monday. The suspicion is that "it is a cocaine-related drug overdose," said Simpson. "We have been told by witnesses that he had ingested a concoction or cocktail of some sort with cocaine and some liquid."

Kenyan defies S.A. boycott

JOHANNESBURG (AP) — Organisers of a visit here by American track and field athletes said a Kenyan distance runner joined the group Tuesday, defying his country's strict observance of the sports boycott against South Africa. The runner was identified as Samson Obwocha, who arrived on a flight from London. Peter Van Der Bergh, a publicist for the planned three-meet series involving the foreigners, said Obwocha had spent a substantial amount of time in the United States recently. A nationally circulated Kenyan newspaper, the Daily Nation, said Obwocha last represented Kenya in 1979, when he ran the 800 metres at a meet in Nairobi. The newspaper said Obwocha now lives in the United States.

English soccer players suspended

LONDON (AP) — Two English pro soccer players have been banned for two domestic games for playing in South Africa, officials of England's Football Association said Tuesday. Darren Bradley, a midfielder with second division West Bromwich Albion, and Osber Williams, a striker for third division Preston North End, also were fined \$427 for turning out for Cape Town Spurs in South Africa's national soccer league during the summer. A spokesman for the F.A. said Bradley and Williams had breached a rule that forbids players performing for teams in a non-affiliated country. Because of its apartheid policy, South Africa is banned from international sport and is not affiliated to FIFA, the world governing body. The two players have 14 days to appeal the ban, which comes into effect Oct. 24.

FORECAST FOR WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 12, 1988

YOUR DAILY HOROSCOPE

— As Charted By The Carroll Righter Astrological Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: You will probably feel physically drained early today, but will get a second wind later on. People are not inclined to grant you favors, so don't ask. This evening is not good for socializing or romance.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Be sure not to annoy a superior this morning. Tend to your credit affairs, and don't forget to pay bills. You may need to take out a loan.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Use tact in clearing up a misunderstanding between yourself and someone you admire. Be alert to opportunities which arise.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You may find that keeping a promise is taking up too much of your time, but it is important to continue with it at all costs.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to Jul. 21) Try to use a creative talent to improve your vocational activities. Take better care of your health this evening.

LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Steer clear of an associate who daydreams too much and is never realistic. Don't permit a co-worker to talk you into a scheme.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Before you commit yourself, find out how much time and money an amusement with a friend will require. Be practical today.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Although you may be worried about a situation at home, don't do anything drastic to change it yet. Show your devotion.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Don't neglect to visit a good friend who has done you many favors. Show your appreciation to this person in some way tonight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Give some attention to your financial situation, but don't become obsessed. Don't let a friend waste your time with trivialities.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Focus your attention on advancing some personal matters. Don't go off on any tangents which could be risky, as well as expensive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Sit down with an expert and get some financial advice. Someone will suggest a trip which is only slightly serving, so forget it.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Postpone that meeting with business associates, and lend assistance to a friend who is in dire need of help this morning.

THE Daily Crossword by William Canino

ACROSS

1 Incontinent

6 Tableland

10 Brewing ingredient

14 U. of Maine site

15 Assort

16 Woodwind

17 Where Crockett fell

18 Caboose's spot

19 Marsh bird

20 Bear "those bells" again

22 Certain Iberians

24 Thailand Jacob's brother

25 In the wings

30 Irritates

34 A Gabor

35 Mrs. Zeus

38 Precipitous

37 Lion's den

39 Willowy lass

42 Harlequin band

43 Wearies

45 Mine finds

47 Sloops name

48 Sailing vessel

49 Enchant

51 Find fault constantly

53 "It's a sin to tell"

54 Wrath

57 Plane figure

61 Hokkaido native

62 Spurt

64 Heap

65 Overlook

66 Yen

67 Handbag

68 Lemniscate

69 Approach

70 Dominion

DOWN

1 Glide high

2 Perry and Della's creator

3 Peregrinate

4 Disclose

5 Architectural style

6 "Quite contrary"

7 "All About"

8 Yule builder

9 Tapestry

10 Anopheles

11 — Ben Adhem

12 Tradition

13 Pekoe and scotch

14 Appraises

15 Spade and Weller

16 Wallops

17 Lemniscate

18 City on Nile

19 Lively dance

20 Il. physician

21 Outlaw

22 Velocity

23 Take back as a city

24 Elmer Gantry for one

25 Greetings

26 Cat fight

27 Mistake

28 Nest and trife

29 Lebanese city

30 A Lear daughter

31 Glirde

32 Toll road

33 Author

34 Begnoid

35 Turk. money

36 Kiln

37 Quaker word

38 — Na Na



Andre Agassi

Agassi defeats Ederberg

BEIJING (AP) — Andre Agassi scored a convincing 6-3, 6-4 victory Tuesday over Sweden's Stefan Ederberg in the first match ever between the two young superstars of tennis.

The 18-year-old American outran and outthrust his 22-year-old opponent, keeping Ederberg off-balance with his high-powered,

two-handed backhand and smacking serves.

The exhibition match, played before about 5,000 people at Beijing's capital gymnasium, was the first appearance of top world tennis players in China since Jimmy Connors and other stars took part in a Grand Prix event in Canton in 1980.

Ederberg, winner of the men's singles' title at Wimbledon this year, is ranked third in the world, while Agassi is fourth-ranked.

Among the spectators were Wan Li, chairman of the National People's Congress, China's parliament, and Li Teying, head of the state education commission. Both are avid tennis players, and Agassi played with Li on Monday.

In the first set, Agassi broke Ederberg's serve in the sixth game and held his own serve through-out for the 6-3 win.

Agassi again broke Ederberg's serve in the third game of the second set, and appeared ready to run away with the match. But Ederberg then showed a spark of life, winning Agassi's serve in the fourth game and taking the seventh game on four straight points to take a 4-3 lead.

But Ederberg, who had arrived earlier in the day after traveling half way around the world from a tournament he won in Switzerland; then began to falter, hitting balls into the net and letting Agassi hit behind him. Agassi swept the last three games for the match.

The match was broadcast live on national television to an audience of tens of millions that knows little or nothing of tennis.

Quarterbacks have a bad season

Eagles defeat Giants, tie with Redskins

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Philadelphia Eagles quarterback Randall Cunningham threw three touchdown passes Monday night as the Eagles beat the New York Giants 24-13.

"I think it's the best I've ever played," said Cunningham, a four-year veteran who completed 31 of 41 passes for 369 yards.

"Beating the Giants, we haven't done that since I've been here. Now we know what we can do. It will boost the confidence of everyone on the team."

In fact, the Eagles had lost six straight and 12 of 14 against the Giants. Monday night's victory allowed the Eagles, 3-3, to move into a tie with the Giants and Washington Redskins, one game behind the surprising Phoenix Cardinals in the National Football conference east race.

The Giants, down 17-3 early in the third period, had rallied within 17-13 and were threatening again with three minutes left in the game. But the drive ended when Phil Simms' pass to tight end Mark Bavaro was dropped at

the Eagles' 8-yard line.

Bavaro had caught nine passes for 148 yards before the crucial drop, while Simms finished with 19 completions in 39 attempts for 324 yards.

Cunningham threw to six different receivers, with tight end Keith Jackson and running back Keith Byars catching nine passes each. Wide receiver Chris Carter caught five, including a third-and-9 throw at the Eagles' 35 that he converted into an 80-yard touchdown that capped the scoring.

The Eagles victory came after a new football controversy was publicized. Injuries involving quarterbacks are on the rise. No records are kept on such things, but nobody seems to be able to remember a professional football season in which so many quarterbacks went down so quickly and in so many weird ways.

There has been a total of 18 quarterback falldowns three Cleveland Browns, two Houston Oilers, two Indianapolis Colts, two Detroit Lions and nine others.

The nine comprises one from each of the following teams: the Chicago Bears, Green Bay Packers, Pittsburgh Steelers, Minnesota Vikings, Atlanta Falcons, Seattle Seahawks, Washington Redskins, San Diego Chargers, and the San Francisco 49ers.

The way the Browns are going, Otto Graham may be in the wings.

"I've never seen anything like this before on any team — three quarterbacks hurt in six games," Cleveland owner Art Modell said Monday after watching Pagan, who took over after Kosar and Danielson went down in games one and two, suffer a separated shoulder Sunday.

Pagan separated his right shoulder tackling Seattle's Paul Moyer from behind after Moyer had run 62 yards with a blocked field goal.

Christie wants doping apology

LONDON (R) — Linford Christie, the British sprinter promoted to the Olympic 100 metres silver medal after Ben Johnson was disqualified, said on Tuesday he wanted an apology from Olympic officials over his positive dope test.

Christie, speaking at a ceremony at which he was named Britain's athlete of the year, said: "I have some happy memories of

officials over his positive dope test.

Christie, speaking at a ceremony at which he was named Britain's athlete of the year, said: "I have some happy memories of

the Olympics but I have still very bitter memories about what went on with the dope testing.

"I think the International Olympic Committee (IOC) should apologise to me for releasing my name to the press and for what they put me through."

"I'm also bitter about the fact that the only way I could find out what was going on was by ringing home."

Christie passed the dope test after the 100 metres final in which he finished third behind Johnson, who was later disqualified for taking steroids.

Tyson charges he was drugged

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The new divorce lawyer for Actress Robin Givens says he would like to negotiate a settlement with her husband, heavyweight boxing champion Mike Tyson.

New York attorney Raoul Felder told the Associated Press on Monday that Givens loves the millionaire prizefighter, whom she accused of beating her and threatening to kill her, but there appears no chance to save the eight-month marriage.

Givens, who last week hired famed "palimony" lawyer Marvin Mitchelson to oversee the breakup of her marriage, changed lawyers Monday, hiring Felder.

Meanwhile, Tyson charged that his wife and her mother had seen to it that he was sedated on prescription drugs during his appearance on ABC television late last month.

"They were giving me the medicine to my friend... to give to me," Tyson told the New York

Post in a story published Tuesday. "They wanted him to make sure I took it."

He said the drugs had been described by a psychiatrist to tame his allegedly manic-depressive behaviour. Other experts have concluded that Tyson is not manic-depressive.

Tyson, whose worth is estimated at \$40 million, is looking for a home in Cleveland, Ohio, so he can work out at promoter Don King's training camp east of the city, a spokesman for King said Monday.

Tyson, who lives in New Jersey, and King met for much of the day at King's home in Windsor, east of Cleveland, said spokesman Paul Scaria.

Friends reportedly are advising Tyson to try to have the marriage annulled to protect his assets. Grounds for the annulment would be that Givens duped him into marriage by claiming she was pregnant. Givens denies that.

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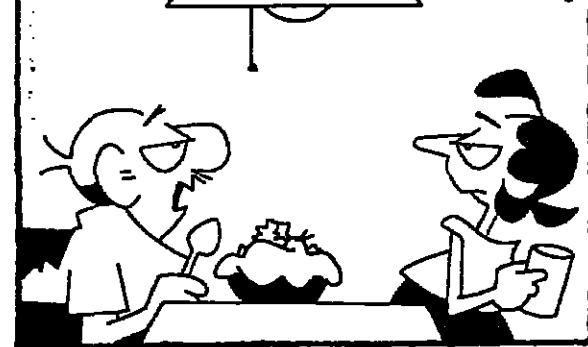
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HARRIS 9-23



"A hot fudge and brussels sprouts sundae? I think you're overdoing this 'fiber' thing!"

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME

by Henri Arnold and Bob Lee

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

WONGI

GLOIC

RAPPOL

CALVEE

Burmese army consolidates power with civilian purge

BANGKOK (R) — Hundreds of Burmese civil servants have been arrested or sacked as the authorities consolidate power three weeks after staging a bloody military coup, diplomats and opposition figures said Tuesday.

They also said opposition parties set up to contest promised elections were being harassed by army personnel to stop them recruiting new members.

The sources, contacted by telephone in Rangoon, said the purge involved high-ranking government workers accused of supporting pro-democracy demonstrations and strikes which sparked the Sept. 18 coup.

"In the last week more than 1,000 have been arrested or sacked in Rangoon. A lot of them are director-generals which means the highest civil servant rank below the political level," said one Western diplomat.

They included the director-generals of communications and of ports, and the medical director and director of the electricity corporation of the northeastern city of Taunggyi, which saw some of the bloodiest clashes.

A top pilot of the state airline Burma Airways and 18 officials at the Burma Broadcasting Service

were also dismissed after supporting the drive to end 25 years of single-party socialist rule, the sources said.

"The picture is entirely clear that an interim government preparing for democratic elections is systematically sacking those who took part in the peaceable movement to press for such elections," one Western diplomat said.

"One can guess that this comes from the very top and is an act of revenge against those who turned against the system."

There has been no official confirmation of the purge, but the sources said it had had a bad effect on morale in the government apparatus.

The army took over after six months of national protest and violent repression in which thousands were killed, promising general elections as soon as order was restored.

But most Burmese identify them only with the administration of Ne Win, the retired general

who led his country to economic ruin and international isolation in a generation of repressive rule. Leaders of opposition groups said that any elections were unlikely to be free and fair while people were still being harassed, arrested or shot.

"In some cases party members who went out to recruit were not allowed to, and in other cases people were told that they should not have anything to do with them," said Aung San Suu Kyi, secretary of the main opposition grouping, the National League for Democracy.

The former ruling Burma Socialist Programme Party (BSPP), renamed the National Unity Party, has meanwhile used government funds and property in defiance of election regulations, opposition leaders claim.

A spokesman for the ruling military council objected to foreign media use of "opposition parties," telling a news conference in Rangoon there is no government party.

However, diplomats noted the National Unity Party comprises former high-ranking soldiers, ruling party officials and government ministers who have run the country since 1962.



Rescuers remove a woman shot when soldiers fired on protesting medical students in Rangoon last week.

Hirohito sparks hot debate in Netherlands

THE HAGUE (R) — Japanese Emperor Hirohito's battle against serious illness has sparked a row in the Netherlands, reviving bitter memories of Japan's wartime occupation of Indonesia, a former Dutch colony.

The row began last month when Dutch Foreign Minister Hans Van Den Broek prematurely announced plans to attend the funeral of the ailing emperor.

Aside from prompting mild reprimands for his indiscrete timing, Van Den Broek unleashed anger among military veterans with memories of Japan's World War II rule of the former Dutch East Indies.

They say he must not go to Tokyo. Since then, emotional discussion over whether to show strong friendship with Japan by dispatching Van Den Broek to the funeral or honour Dutch war dead in the southeast Asian archipelago by staying home has dominated radio, television and newspapers.

Centrum 45, a clinic that treats survivors of the war, has reported patients show signs of increasing stress over the debate and complain of recurring nightmares and insomnia at seeing Hirohito so prominent in the news.

An estimated 110,000 Dutch soldiers and civilians were interned by the Japanese in Indonesia, and some 8,500 Dutch soldiers and 10,500 Dutch civilians died in prison camps there.

"Hirohito is a symbol of the war. He didn't give the orders himself but for those in Indonesia, everything done to them, was done in the name of the emperor. He personified the occupation," Heiman Quik of Pelita, an umbrella organisation of victims of the war in Indonesia, told Reuters.

Quik believes the Netherlands should take a middle road, sending its ambassador to a funeral to show respect for Japan but keeping Van Den Broek in the Hague.

U.S., Philippines reach tentative base accord

MANILA (AP) — U.S. and Filipino officials have reached a tentative agreement under which Washington would provide a \$500 million compensation package for use of its six bases here, three newspapers reported Tuesday.

A Filipino source told the AP Monday that the two sides had finished reviewing an agreement governing U.S. bases, and an agreement lasting through 1991 was possible within a week.

"It's over. An agreement is possible within a few days, maybe within a week's time," said the source, who insisted on anonymity.

"There was compromise on both sides," said the source, who is involved in the talks. He said both panels were working on the wording of the agreement.

In April, U.S. and Philippines panels began talks on the status of Clark Air Base, the Subic Bay Naval Base and four smaller installations in the Philippines. However, the talks stalled over compensation and other issues.

The United States now pays about \$180 million a year for the bases. The Filipino panel reportedly demanded up to \$1.2 billion annually for the final two years of the agreement.

The source gave no details of the tentative agreement. But three Manila newspapers — The Journal, Businessworld and Malaya, said Tuesday that the U.S. has agreed to provide \$456 million in economic support.

In addition, the newspapers said the United States would provide unspecified loans, which the Philippines could use to purchase U.S. treasury bonds. The bonds would be used to retire some of the country's \$28 billion foreign debt.

Malaya said the total package, including cash, assistance and loans, would amount to more than \$500 million a year.

Businessworld quoted an unnamed source as saying U.S. negotiators were "highly resistant" to the \$1.2 billion figure.

Montenegro leaders seek confidence vote

BELGRADE (R) — State and party leaders in Yugoslavia's Montenegro republic have decided to face a vote of confidence after protesters demanded their resignation on accusations of police brutality.

Regional leaders angered workers and students Saturday by sending paramilitary forces armed with clubs and teargas to break up a rally in Titograd, the regional capital.

In Niksic, Radivoje Brajovic, a member of the Montenegro state leadership and its former president, resigned in tears Monday before an angry crowd of workers, as warnings of a possible national emergency declaration failed to dampen unrest around the communist Balkan country.

About 30,000 workers crowded into the assembly yard of the Boris Kidric iron works. Some jeered at Brajovic from rooftops and windows.

Allegations of police brutality towards demonstrators at the weekend prompted thousands of secondary school pupils to stage protests and thousands of university students went on hunger strike. Other factories in the area held protest strikes.

Yugoslav President Raif Dizdarevic warned the 23 million

Yugoslavs in a televised address that the current wave of political unrest sweeping the country may soon lead to a state of emergency.

Montenegro's eight-member state presidency and regional Communist Party Politburo issued a statement Monday announcing a vote of confidence but no date has been set.

The region's parliament would judge how state leaders had dealt with the protests, while the local party central committee would judge party leaders. A vote of confidence would follow.

The same would then happen at lower levels of administration in Montenegro.

All the other seven republics and provinces in the Yugoslav federation, except Serbia, sent messages to Montenegro supporting its use of parliamentary forces.

Some regions blamed Serbia for stirring up unrest in Montenegro in order to win support for constitutional reforms which would strengthen Serbia's hand in gaining control of its two autonomous provinces, Vojvodina and Kosovo.

Serbia said in a statement Monday night that the allegations were untrue, unacceptable, and malicious.

Paisley gets the boot for anti-Pope fervour

STRASBOURG (R) — Northern Ireland Protestant leader the Reverend Ian Paisley was dragged from the European Parliament Tuesday as he yelled "anti-Christ" during a speech by Pope John Paul.

Waving a banner reading "John Paul II anti-Christ", Paisley, a member of the 518-seat parliament, stood up and started shouting as soon as the Pope began his address.

The hard-line Protestant politician was warned twice by Lord Henry Plumb, president of the parliament, to stop the disturbance and then ordered to leave the debating chamber.

Fighting broke out as he was dragged out. Paisley later told reporters that members had "punched and hammered" him. "I renounce you ... and all your

cults and creeds," Paisley shouted to the Pope before his voice was drowned out by other parliamentarians.

He told reporters he had been quoting the words of Thomas Cranmer — the first Protestant Archbishop of Canterbury who was executed as a heretic in the 16th century — that the Pope was the enemy of Christ and the anti-Christ.

Paisley, who warned Monday that he planned to protest against the Pope's visit, made a similar scene during a visit here by British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher.

During Paisley's 45-second outburst, the Pope stood at the lectern, looking bemused and smiling faintly. Other members of parliament sitting close to Paisley threw their order papers at him.



Jagger mesmerises Australia

SYDNEY (R) — British rock superstar Mick Jagger is mesmerising Australian audiences with a series of solo concerts after a quarter of a century as the lead singer of the Rolling Stones. Performing live for the first time in six years, the 44-year-old Jagger is proving he can still electrify a crowd. Australia is the second country on Jagger's first solo tour. Backed by a six-piece band, he also visited Japan, and after Australia, will perform in Indonesia and New Zealand. "The problem for me was doing a show after six years, not that there were different musicians on stage with me," Jagger said after a concert. "I'm a singer for a living," he said. "That's what I do and I don't think about how difficult or easy it might be. I'm still doing the same thing." Jagger's five shows at the 12,000-seat Sydney Entertainment Centre were sold out.

British men shier than women

LONDON (R) — Most British men are unsociable compared with women and need a drink before they can mix easily, according to a survey published Tuesday. The survey, in Woman's World magazine, said men are quiet at parties, dread big social events such as weddings and leave their partners to make the first move in getting to know the neighbours. The shyest are the Scots, 65 per cent of whom stay silent until they have consumed enough drink. Half the men in the rest of Britain are the same. But once the drink takes hold, men become the life of the party and 60 per cent of wives go home first. In most parts of Britain, more than four out of 10 men agree reluctantly to attend weddings and 14 per cent suggest their partner should go instead. "In general, it seems men are less sociable than the ladies in their lives but they are willing to share their friends and mix and mingle — with the help of a little vino to oil the wheels," the survey concluded.

Ono 'a New Yorker at heart'

NEW YORK (AP) — Yoko Ono remains "a New Yorker at heart," but she will be dividing her time between New York and Europe in the future, said her spokesman. The spokesman, Elliot Mintz, made his comments Monday after the New York Post reported that Ono and her son will spend most of the next few years in Europe. The newspaper said they were worried that a recent unauthorised biography of her slain husband, John Lennon, could set off a violent reaction. Mintz said Ono's remarks to the Post were taken out of context. "For the record, Yoko flew to Europe to be with her son Sean on his birthday," he said. Sean, who turned 13 Saturday, attends a Swiss boarding school. Mintz said he did not know how long Ono would be in Europe.

Pavarotti names winners of contest

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Luciano Pavarotti named 40 singers who are winners of the Third Opera Company of Philadelphia-Luciano Pavarotti international voice competition. "But I must tell you, they are all winners," said Pavarotti late Sunday as he stood on stage at the academy of music at the conclusion of the final auditions that featured 70 finalists. He had them all join him and take a bow along with the winners. The competition began one-and-a-half years ago with 1,500 singers. That was narrowed to 140 finalists from 18 countries who completed their auditions during the last week here. They weren't competing for medals, money or first, second or third place. The 40 winners now get the chance to perform with Pavarotti. "Just to get a chance to sing for him, to listen to what he has to say is worth it," said Izabella Labuda, a Polish soprano who was among the 70, but not among the winners.

Violin virtuoso died of mercury

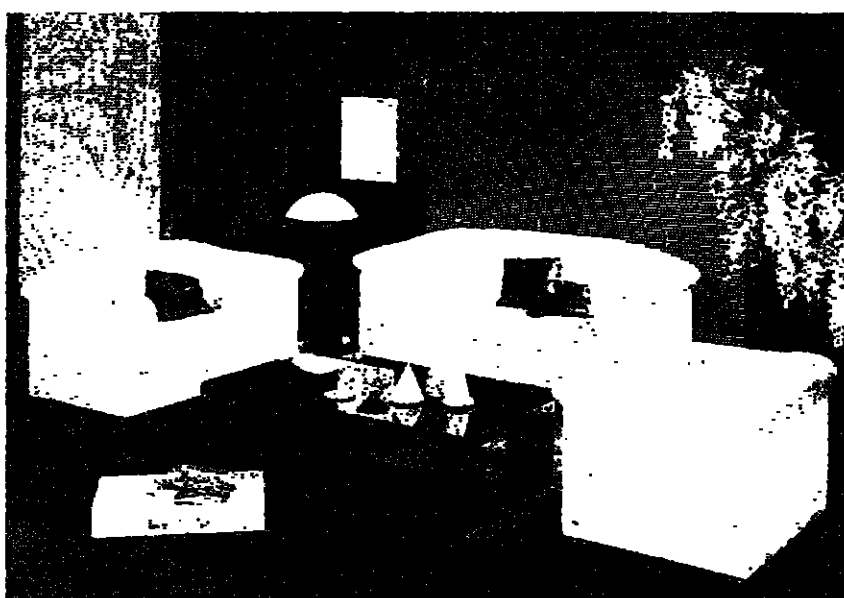
LONDON (AP) — World-renowned violinist Nicolo Paganini probably died of mercury poisoning caused by his doctors rather than the tuberculosis believed to have killed him in 1840, a medical article said Monday. Australian doctor J.G. O'Shea wrote in the Journal of the Royal Society of Medicine that when Paganini died at age 58, the cause of death was given as "tuberculosis of the lungs and larynx." But no autopsy was ever performed.

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WORLD NEWS IN BRIEF

U.S. wants Marcos to plea bargain

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The State Department wants U.S. prosecutors to offer former Philippines President Ferdinand Marcos a plea agreement that would keep him out of jail but cost him millions of dollars if he is convicted of fraud, a newspaper reported. The Los Angeles Times reported that, according to a confidential State Department cable, federal officials fear if Marcos is indicted, he might "seek to involve and embarrass" U.S. and Philippines officials by making allegations of improper or illegal conduct. Under a plea agreement, Marcos would have to return hundreds of millions of dollars in assets he allegedly took from his country's treasury before he fled to Hawaii in 1986, the newspaper said. However, he would avoid a prison sentence. The classified cable from Abraham D. Sofaer, the State Department's chief legal counsel, was relayed to other top department officials and U.S. Ambassador Nicholas Platt in Manila.

Record temperatures in nuclear test

LONDON (R) — European scientists developing a revolutionary form of nuclear energy said Monday they had heated gases to world record temperatures of over 100 million degrees Celsius — almost 10 times hotter than the sun. John Maple, spokesman for the Joint European Torus (JET) Nuclear Fusion Project, said the breakthrough had come in a series of experiments designed to generate energy by copying the nuclear reaction which takes place at the sun's core. "It would be a new source (of energy) which would come into use at a very important time when oil and coal were getting rather scarce," Maple said. Unlike today's nuclear reactors, which work by splitting atoms, nuclear fusion involves forcing atoms together for split seconds in huge doughnut-shaped vacuums surrounded by strong magnetic fields.

Pinochet's wife urges him to run

SANTIAGO (AP) — The wife of President Augusto Pinochet reportedly wants her husband to stay in office, but a top aide said Monday it was too early to discuss Pinochet's candidacy in next year's presidential election. Pinochet has said nothing on the issue. But the widely read conservative daily El Mercurio Monday quoted Pinochet's wife, Lucia, as urging supporters to "form a grand support movement so that the president will change the constitution and can be re-elected." It said Mrs. Pinochet made the comment Sunday at the couple's summer retreat, Bucalmeu.

Le Pen expels sole assembly member

PARIS (R) — France's far-right National Front said Monday it had expelled its sole member of parliament from the party after accusing her of betrayal. The anti-immigrant party led by Jean-Marie Le Pen ordered Yann Piat, a National Assembly deputy from Hyeres in the Var region of southern France, "to give up her mandate as deputy and regional councillor." A party communiqué accused her "of having betrayed the essential positions of her voters and of the movement at the National Assembly."

IAPA reports attacks on press

SALT LAKE CITY (R) — The Inter-American Press Association (IAPA) heard reports Monday denouncing attacks on press freedom from Western hemisphere countries including Chile, where scores of journalists have been injured by police in the past week. Wilbur Landrey, chairman of the IAPA Freedom of the Press Committee, said: "Newspapers and journalists continue to be victims of everything from murder and kidnapping to discrimination in the award of newsprint, hard currency and official advertising."